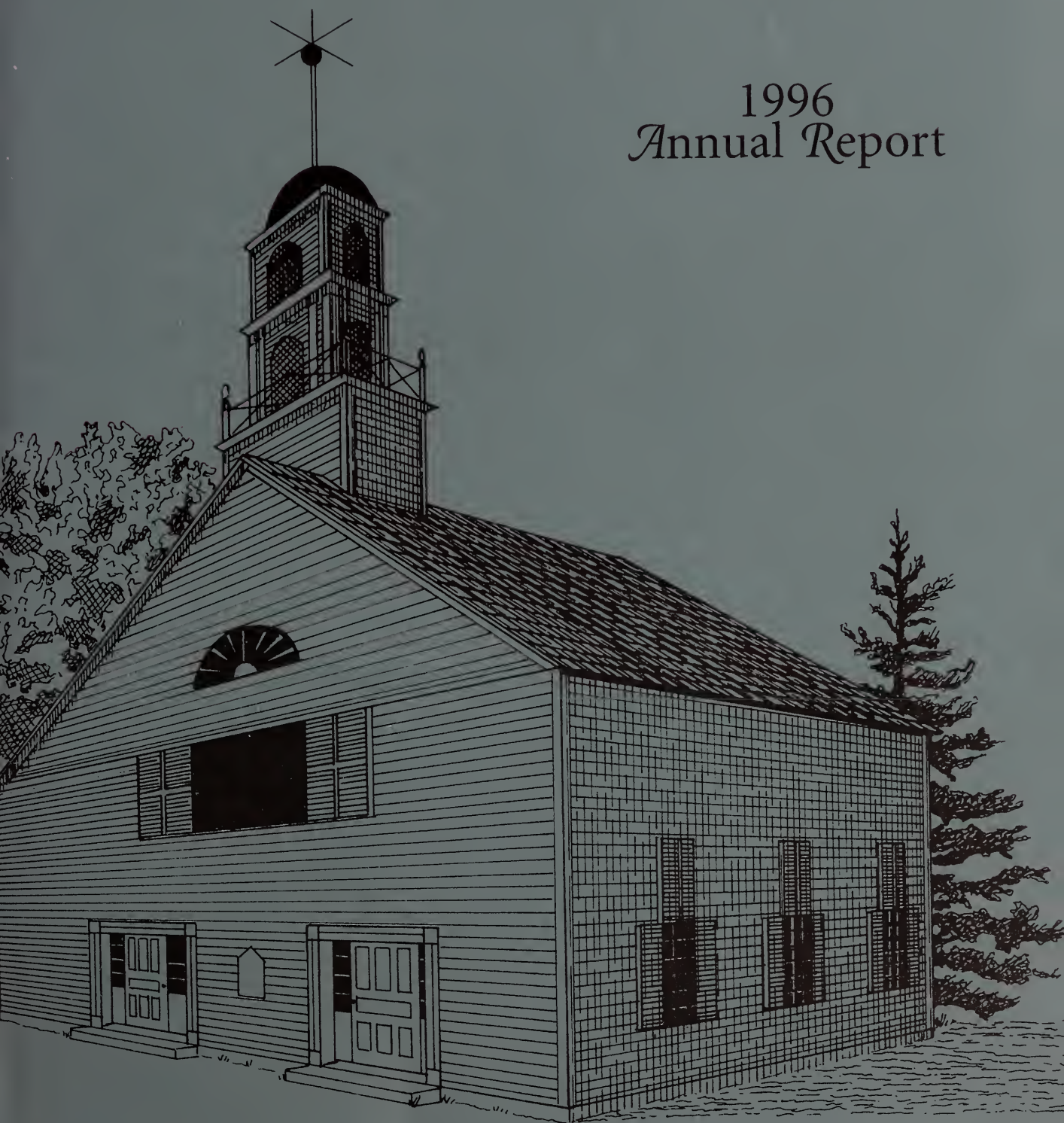


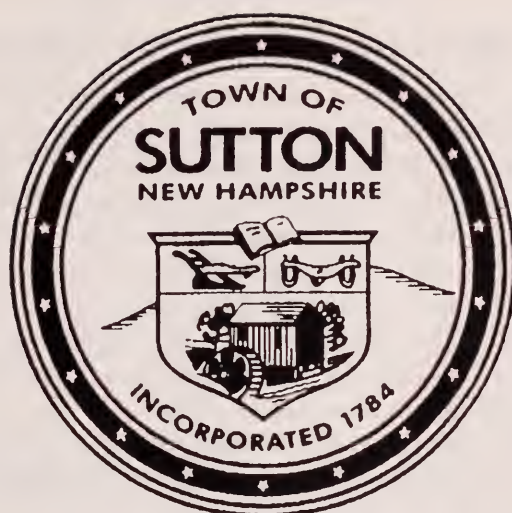
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Annual Report & Vital Statistics

For Fiscal Year Ending
December 31, 1996

Population (C.N.H.R.P.C.)	1,477
Number of Registered Voters	1,156

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About the Cover

THE SOUTH SUTTON MEETINGHOUSE

There are many references to "the church" and church ceremonies in the early records of the town of Sutton, but it is generally understood that the meeting houses (North and South) did not exist until approximately 1790. Daniel Page was the framer and master builder of both. The building was 40 by 50 feet with "porches" on the sides. The first meeting house in South Sutton burned, but was immediately replaced about 1797. Mention is made of the ordination of a Rev. Nathan Ames which took place in the South Meeting House in 1820, so we know that a building existed here at that time. The Town History also refers to the "ordination of Elder Peaslee at the South Meeting House" on Feb. 15, 1832. Also, according to the Town History, "the present house in South Sutton was built in 1839."

It is possible that this present building replaced the original or that the original was renovated in 1839. Representations of the earlier building show a steeple very similar to that of the present building. The false graining on the doors and pews could have been done almost any time in the early 19th century.

An item in the Kearsarge Independent (Warner, N.H.) states that lightning struck the building in 1898 and that major repairs were necessary. Inside painting was done, the pulpit platform rebuilt and lowered to 20 inches in height, and it was carpeted. The chimney was rebuilt from the foundation. The pews, which are hand decorated with false graining, were varnished at that time. The Town History is confusing because the mention of meetings does not identify which meeting house was used for which organization or denomination. We do know that Seventh Day Adventists were using the South Sutton meeting house until about 1915.

In 1927 a church organization was formed to decide the future of the church. Regular services were held only in July and August with preachers drawn from the summer visitors for the most part. This schedule continued until 1981 when attendance became too sparse to warrant asking ministers to conduct services.

Presently there are two services a year. Old Home Day in Sutton is observed in this Meeting House, usually on the third Sunday in August. The service is patterned after those from yesteryear with old costumes and customs being the order of the day. Visitors come from far and near to greet old friends and relatives. A picnic lunch is served on the Common for a nominal fee, and the historic buildings are open. The Sutton First Free Will Baptist Church joins us for the Old Home Day service.

The other service is held on the Sunday before Christmas and is planned and executed by members of the community. The emphasis is on children usually, and it is a very moving candlelight service. The building is also used for weddings and funerals occasionally during the year.

The Meeting House was maintained through a fund established by a group of local citizens, the South Sutton Homesteaders. In 1995 the Meeting House merged to become part of the Sutton Historical Society.



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Sutton Directory

Emergency Numbers

POLICE	927-4422	FIRE	927-4233
SUTTON RESCUE SQUAD	(New London Ambulance)		526-2626
BRADFORD RESCUE SQUAD			938-2233

Other Information

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR – Carol Curless 927-4575
PO Box 554, So. Sutton, NH 03273
Mon., Tues. & Thurs., 9 am – 2 pm & Wed., 4 pm – 8 pm

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE – Janice O'Connell & Betsy Forsham 927-4416
PO Box 85, No. Sutton, NH 03260
Mon., Wed., & Fri., 8 am – 4:30 pm, closed 12:30 – 1:00 for lunch

SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS – Monday evenings at 6:30 pm
All items for the agenda must be submitted to the Selectmen's Office by noon the Friday before. Appointments only at meetings.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – William I. Curless, Chair 938-2842

BUILDING INSPECTOR – Richard "Buzz" Call 927-4080

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Eugene Aubert, Chair 526-6885
Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm

FIRE WARDEN – Pete Thompson 927-4440

HEALTH OFFICER – Barbara MacDonald 927-4930

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Don Sharp, Road Agent 927-4411

INCINERATOR/RECYCLING – Ed Butler, Supervisor 927-4475
Wed., 12 noon – 5 pm • Fri., 9 am – 5 pm • Sun., 9 am – 3 pm

LIBRARY – Jeanette Couch, Librarian 927-4927
Mon., 1:30 – 4 pm • Wed., 1 – 4 pm & 6:30 – 9 pm, Fri. • 7 – 9 pm, Sat., 1 – 4 pm
Trustees meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

PLANNING BOARD – Naia Conrad, Applications Secretary 927-4637
PO Box 484, So. Sutton, NH 03273
Board meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.
Appointments only.

WELFARE OVERSEER – Courtney Haase 927-4176

ZONING BOARD – Karin Heffernan, Secretary 927-4078
c/o Town of Sutton, PO Box 85, No. Sutton, NH 03260
Hearings held the last Wednesday of the month.
Applications must be received by the secretary prior to the 7th of the month.

Town Officers/Employees
For the Year Ending December 31, 1996

Moderator*

Gregory GillTerm Expires 1998

Selectmen*

Charles G. Ash.....Term Expires 1997

Stanley L. LeBrunResigned 1996

Courtney E. Haase.....Term Expires 1999

Administrative Assistant

Janice O'Connell

Secretary to the Selectmen/Bookkeeper

Betsy Forsham

Treasurer*

Charles F. WhittemoreTerm Expires 1997

Deputy Treasurer

Ralph C. Carroll

Town Clerk*

Carol P. CurlessTerm Expires 1997

Deputy Town Clerk

Marjorie Friel

Tax Collector*

Carol P. CurlessTerm Expires 1997

Deputy Tax Collector

Marjorie Friel

Highway Department

Donald A. Sharp, Road Agent

Dennis Stevens

Paul Parker

John Csutor

Police Department

Patrick Tighe, Chief of Police

John R. Lambert, Sergeant

Edward G. Andersen

Robert D. Nelson

Philip E. Buteau

*Is an Elected Position

Incinerator/Recycling Center

Edward J. Butler, Supervisor

Herman Foster

Raymond Hunter, Resigned 1996

Overseer of Public Welfare*

Courtney E. Haase.....Term Expires 1997

Building Inspector

Richard "Buzz" Call

Health Officer

(Appointed by Selectmen and State Board of Health)

Barbara J. MacDonaldTerm Expires 1998

Librarian

Jeanette R. Couch

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor

Howard Friel

Trustees of Trust Funds*

John F. BiewenerTerm Expires 1997

Barbara B. BurnsTerm Expires 1998

George G. WellsTerm Expires 1999

Budget Committee*

Charlotte GoldthwaiteTerm Expires 1997

Richard ReileinTerm Expires 1997

Courtney E. Haase (Ex-Officio)Term Expires 1997

William I. Curless, ChairTerm Expires 1998

Marjorie FrielTerm Expires 1998

Norman Forand.....Term Expires 1999

Roger Lamson.....Term Expires 1999

Sarah Denz, Secretary

Planning Board

Daniel A. SundquistTerm Expires 1997

Jean VivianTerm Expires 1997

Stanley L. LeBrun (Ex-Officio)Resigned 1996

Robert Wright, Jr.....Term Expires 1998

Robert "Dave" WhiteTerm Expires 1998

Carol Rowe.....Term Expires 1999

Naia Conrad, Applications SecretaryTerm Expires 1999

Kenneth Uzdanovich, AlternateTerm Expires 1999

Denise Merullo, Recording Secretary

*Is an Elected Position

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Andrew R. Supplee, Chair	Term Expires 1997
Charles G. Ash (Ex-Officio)	Term Expires 1997
William Hallahan	Term Expires 1998
William S. Harrold.....	Term Expires 1998
Ed Canane	Term Expires 1999
Lucy C. Hodder	Term Expires 1999
Stephen Vallandigham, Alternate	Term Expires 1999
Karin Heffernan, Secretary	

Cemetery Commission*

Carroll L. Thompson	Term Expires 1997
Herman L. Foster.....	Term Expires 1998
Darrel Palmer	Term Expires 1999

Supervisors of the Checklist*

Reva Bailey	Term Expires 1997
Marilyn Thompson, Chair	Term Expires 1998
Margaret A. Forand	Term Expires 2000

Trustees, Sutton Free Library*

Linda B. Sundquist	Term Expires 1997
Ann W. Lord	Term Expires 1997
Marcia Harrison	Term Expires 1998
Brenda Wells	Term Expires 1998
Sandra Nelson	Term Expires 1999
Henry Nichols	Term Expires 1999

Trustees, Old Store Museum

Margaret Forand	Term Expires 1997
Ann W. Lord	Term Expires 1997
Donald C. Davis, Jr.	Term Expires 1998
Robert A. O'Neil	Term Expires 1998
George G. Wells	Term Expires 1999

Conservation Commission

Donald C. Davis, Jr.	Term Expires 1997
Dugald Arbuckle.....	Term Expires 1997
Charles G. Ash (Ex-Officio)	Term Expires 1997
George G. Wells	Term Expires 1998
Charles F. Whittemore	Term Expires 1998
Eugene Aubert, Chair.....	Term Expires 1999
David Anderson	Term Expires 1999
Robert Vivian (Advisory)	Charles G. Ash (Advisory)
Sarah Denz, Secretary	

*Is an Elected Position

Solid Waste Committee

Robert L. Nelson, Chair
Norman Forand
Linda Bitzer

Edward J. Butler
Howard W. Friel

Road Committee

Douglas H. Sweet, Chair
Naia Conrad (1/2 year)
Carol Rowe (1/2 year)
Stanley L. LeBrun (Ex-Officio)

Peter Blakeman
Carroll Thompson
Alexander McKinnon

Emergency Management Director

Alexander McKinnon

Supervisor – Highway Notification Program

Charles F. Whittemore

Sutton Representative to KRSD School Board*

Jennifer K. SwettTerm Expires 1998

Charter Commission Representative*

Norman Forand.....Term Expires 1997

*Is an Elected Position

1996 Round Room Report

As 1996 ends, the Board of Selectmen reflects on both past achievements and new challenges which lie ahead. Your town report is filled with specific reports, details and information. All of this is intended to keep the citizenry informed regarding the activities of the various departments, boards and commissions.

The Selectmen would like to thank all town employees who have worked tirelessly to make this the wonderful town it is. The Board also wishes to thank and commend the many volunteers who gave so much of their time and talents serving the town. It can't be said enough. **MUCH OF THE SUCCESS OF A TOWN IS DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF ITS VOLUNTEERS.** The Town is always in need of replacements and alternates. Should you consider serving the Town, contact the Selectmen's Office or Board Chairman for details.

The Selectmen serve the townspeople and taxpayers in a number of ways. This year the Board made its job as guardians of budgetary matters a priority. The question was, "How do we get the greatest value for our tax dollars while maintaining a comfortable level of service?" To this end, the Board developed and adopted a "bids and proposal policy" for all town departments. Implementation resulted in cost savings for the fire and highway alarm systems, new highway road grader and bridge repairs. The Selectmen and department heads will continue to look closely at supplies of goods and services to our town. We must be sure we are getting the most value for our money.

Work is continuing on the final stages of E911. Some problems yet to be resolved involve the naming of several streets and numbering issues. The Board of Selectmen, Police, Fire and Rescue personnel are asking that **all residents obtain and properly display their house number.** In the event an emergency response becomes necessary, a properly displayed number could make a life or death difference. **Please call the Selectmen's Office to obtain your number if you do not already have this information.** Also, please make sure that the number is large enough to be seen from the roadside and placed in an area that locates the entrance to your home from the roadway.

A great deal of time and energy was spent making repairs to King Hill Road. All F.E.M.A. projects related to the 1995 disaster were completed in 1996. This would not have been possible without the efforts and energies of many individuals. Special thanks are extended to Stan LeBrun, Richard Heath, Alex McKinnon, Pete Thompson, Bob Gagnon and Bill Commerdinger. Without them, the goals and accomplishments of the Highway Department and F.E.M.A. projects would

not have been achieved. Thanks also to the many businesses who supplied our Town with the necessary goods and services in a timely and professional manner.

In July, the town hired Anita Blakeman of Woodland Care Forest Management to serve as our timber tax monitor. This was a newly budgeted item and will continue in 1997. The Board feels the benefits and potential for increased revenue to the Town outweighs the budgeted costs for this service.

In the fall, the Selectmen signed a contract with the Arvai Group of Windham, New Hampshire. The contract allowed for a comparative, unbiased, professional study of town wide operations. The final report will recommend improvements which could result in more efficient and effective services. This was not a project that was planned for or budgeted in 1996. However, the Board felt the time had come to address the concerns and complaints of citizens and employees which have been expressed over the past several years. The Board is confident that the entire town will benefit from this study.

The Board of Selectmen would like to point out that tax deeded properties were auctioned in the spring and brought a little revenue back to the Town. Progress also continues regarding the solid waste issues surrounding the Carnevale property on Route 114. The Board continues to investigate the options available to the Town but does not foresee a resolution to this matter in 1997.

Thanks to the efforts of Selectman Ash, Sutton perambulated its boundary with New London. The Board hopes to complete the process by selecting a different boundary every year until all five town lines have been perambulated.

One of the more unpleasant issues that bears mentioning was the increased tax rate of 1996. Unfortunately, this was a result of several factors. . . .

- 1) a decrease of 2.3 million in property assessment due mainly to the devaluation of King Ridge Ski Area; and
- 2) an increase in appropriations over 1995 due largely to renovations and the addition at the Kearsarge Regional High School.

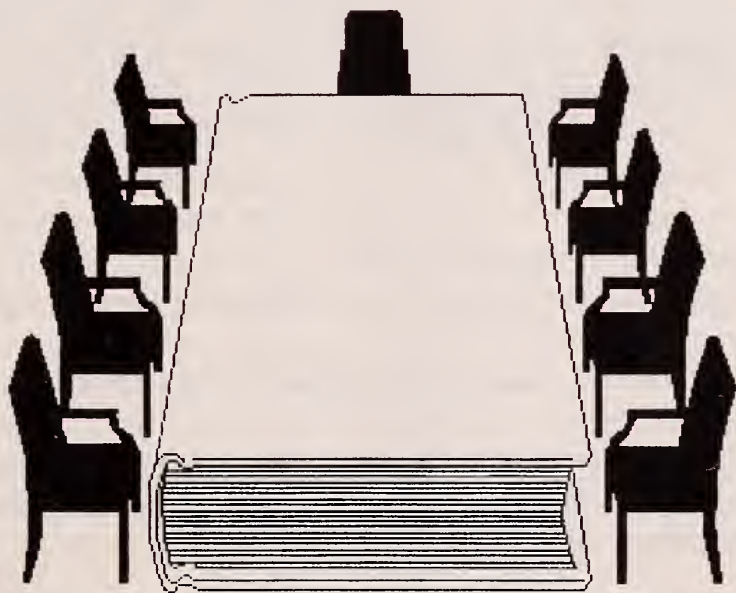
The result was a tax rate of \$24.29 or an increase of \$2.07 over 1995. The Selectmen aren't anticipating any substantial decreases in property assessments in 1997. However, control over next year's appropriations can be exercised through participation at Town Meeting and by casting your vote.

The Selectmen received a suggestion to have an annual contest to determine the cover design of our annual town report. The Board will place an advertisement inviting any Sutton resident to submit an item for consideration. Sketches, drawings, photographs or anything appropriate to Sutton will be considered by the Board. Watch the local publications this fall for details.

Finally, we thank you, the citizens of Sutton, for your continued support and encouragement as we move toward a new century. We invite your ideas and suggestions so that, together, we may be better prepared to meet the challenges of the future. Remember, this is your town and we are elected as your public servants. Your comments, concerns and actions taken at the polls are important!

Respectfully,

The Sutton Board of Selectmen
and
The Office of the Selectmen



Warrant Article Narrative

BALLOT ARTICLE:

Tuesday, March 11th, 1997 at Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall.
Polls open at 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

ARTICLE 1:

Election of Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2:

Construction of “radio towers,” more properly termed wireless communications facilities, on King Hill, and most recently near Eaton Grange Road in East Sutton, has caused a great deal of concern about the proliferation of such structures in the town. The number of cellular telephones in service in the United States is expected to double by the year 2000, indicating that the demand for new towers presently being experienced in other New Hampshire towns may soon be visited upon Sutton.

Existing town ordinances do little to regulate the siting or height of such structures. Furthermore, the federal *Telecommunications Act of 1996* restricts the authority granted to towns under New Hampshire law to regulate wireless telecommunications facilities by zoning. Municipalities may not prohibit and must provide reasonable opportunities for location of such facilities. Municipalities are advised to assess where these facilities should be strategically located within the municipality and then to implement that policy decision through amendments to the zoning ordinance.

The proposed amendments to the Zoning and Building Ordinances seek

- to minimize the visual impact of new telecommunications facilities on the town,
- to clarify exceptions to the regulation of such facilities, and
- to embody new procedures for regulating the height of structures and buildings in the Zoning ordinance.

ADD to Article XIII, Definitions of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance (in appropriate alphabetical order):

“ANTENNA: The device and/or wire which transmits or receives electromagnetic radiation, but not the supporting structure of the device.”

“WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY: Any privately-owned combination of antenna, supporting structure and enclosed building designed to transmit and/or receive electromagnetic signals for commercial communication purposes.”

ADD to Article III, General Provisions of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance:

New paragraph “0. Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

1. New construction of commercial wireless telecommunications facilities shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Facilities shall be sited and designed to minimize the visual impact on nearby residences, highways and roads, and recreation areas.
 - b. Siting of facilities shall be encouraged in the I-89 highway corridor.
 - c. New facilities are not permitted on the following scenic high places: Meetinghouse Hill, Dresser Hills, Rowell Hill, Green Hill, Dodge Hill.
2. Planning and design for new wireless telecommunications facilities shall utilize existing towers as priority sites for proposed antenna devices, where feasible.
3. Amateur radio service antennas, satellite dish antennas for private, non-commercial or institutional use, and related supporting structures are exempt from these conditions.”

ARTICLE 3:

Regulation of the height of new buildings in the town is presently spelled out only in the Building Ordinance in Article II paragraph C.10. The height of structures is regulated by implication in the first sentence of the ordinance. There is confusion whether or not wireless telecommunication facilities are regulated as the paragraph is written, and the ordinance allows only for “. . . slight variances from the specific terms of the ordinance. . .” by a Board of Adjustment, although the ordinance is unclear whether this board is the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The new language regulating height of buildings and structures makes no change in the height per se, but it does clarify a process for the Zoning Board of Adjustment to grant a variance to the height limitation for buildings, or a special exception in the case of certain kinds of structures, including wireless telecommunication towers. The proposed paragraph will be relocated to the section of the Zoning Ordinance.

nance where all the other dimensional regulations such as setbacks and road frontage are found.

ADD to Article III, General Provisions of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance:

New paragraph “P. Height Regulation. In all districts, buildings shall not exceed thirty-five feet (35’) in height above ground level unless a variance is approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. In the case of structures exceeding thirty-five feet (35’) in height, the Board of Adjustment may grant a tower, belfry, silo, windmill, amateur radio service mast, wireless telecommunication facility, or a mechanical equipment enclosure when erected upon and as an integral part of a building.”

and DELETE from the Building Ordinance paragraph C.10 regarding height limitations of buildings and renumber the remaining paragraphs in numerical order.

ARTICLE 4:

A driveway permit procedure and policy is presently in place and being required by the Board of Selectmen and Road Agent. The Selectmen and the Road Agent would like to ensure that new driveways are designed for proper drainage and are constructed in safe locations along town roads. This proposed paragraph will have the effect of making the driveway permit a part of the process of obtaining a building permit.

ADD to Article H of the Sutton Building Ordinance:

New paragraph “D. Driveway Permit. A driveway permit issued by the Road Agent is required prior to issuance of a Building Permit by the Selectmen.”

ARTICLE 5:

For the statewide 911 emergency services system to be effective, all houses must have the proper numbering visible from the road. This paragraph mandates conformance for all existing residences in the town and all new construction.

ADD to Article II of the Sutton Building Ordinance:

New paragraph “E. House Numbering. All residences will be numbered effective six (6) months after approval by Town Meeting. Minimum size to be 3” x 5” numbers and clearly visible from the roadway. Subject to a \$25 fine for non-compliance.”

BUSINESS MEETING:

Wednesday, March 12, 1997 at Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall.
Meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

ARTICLE I:

The proposed amount represents the Budget Committee’s recommendations for the Town’s general operating budget EXCLUSIVE of all special and individual warrant articles listed below. The Budget Committee is recommending a total of \$798,260 for a general operating budget and the Board of Selectmen are recommending a figure of \$828,862. The Budget Committee has made a recommendation to reduce the operating budgets of the following departments by:

Executive	\$ 3,551.00
Financial	2,216.00
Zoning Board	213.00
Police	3,854.00
Highway	16,957.00
Solid Waste	3,811.00
<u>Total reductions proposed by the Budget Committee = \$30,602.00</u>	

The budget figures proposed by the Selectmen reflect a 3% cost of living increase and the inclusion of several short term recommendations made by the Board as a result of a management study conducted by the Arvai Group. The cost of leasing the new highway grader is now included in the highway budget which is exactly what the Town was advised of last year. The Selectmen and Solid Waste Supervisor are also attempting to fund the purchase of a dumpster to store and remove ash from the Incinerator. We have been mandated by the State to comply with the proper storage and removal of ash beginning in 1997. Many of the cost related items within the Executive budget are contractual and are not recommended for elimination. It may not be possible to remove the amount recommended by the Budget Committee from the Executive account.

All departments are doing a good job! Selectmen and department heads have made requests for budgets that will allow them to continue to do the work that the citizens have come to expect and depend upon. There are no extravagances contained in the Selectmen’s recommendations for the 1997 operating budget. In many instances, vol-

untary reductions were made by various departments and further cuts were made and recommended by the Selectmen. We need to continue to support the efforts and hard work the Selectmen and departments undertake throughout the year.

ARTICLE 2:

Due to the growing complexity of elderly exemptions, the 1996 Legislature repealed all of the existing exemptions and replaced them with RSA 72: 39-b. Any municipality which has not adopted higher parameters for their elderly exemptions under this new RSA by 1/1/98, will be required to follow the State's new minimum exemptions.

The Selectmen are recommending the adoption of limits that are higher than the minimum established by the new RSA for the three age categories. However, the exemption limits for the three age categories will actually reflect what is currently being used in Sutton. The recommended exemption categories by age and exemption amount are: 65 up to 75 years/\$10,000; 75 up to 80 years/\$15,000; and 80 years and older/\$20,000.

The Selectmen are also recommending the adoption of the following limits for income. The new limits for income are \$18,400 for a single person and \$26,400 for a married couple. These new and higher limits were adjusted to allow for the inclusion of the average social security payment as well as the inclusion of pension payments.

The Selectmen are also recommending the adoption of the new minimum asset limit. The new minimum asset limit will be \$35,000 or less, excluding the value of the person's actual residence and the value of a minimum single-family residential lot or 2 acres, whichever is greater.

The legislative body of the municipality may vote to establish different exemption, income and asset levels, but these levels cannot be less than the statutory minimum amounts. A public hearing was held regarding the proposed changes to the elderly exemptions on February 10, 1997. If this article is approved at Town Meeting, it will be reflected on the 1997 tax bills for the elderly who qualify as of April 1st of the current tax year.

ARTICLE 3:

This article represents a request for supplements to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established. In addition to the amount recommended by the Budget Committee, the Selectmen recommended the addition of \$15,000 to the Highway Truck & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen felt that in the near future, the Highway

Department will need to replace various, costly pieces of equipment and trucks. The Selectmen feel we need to continue to save money for these large expenses on an ongoing basis. The Budget Committee did not agree with funding the Highway Truck & Equipment Capital Reserve account this year. From the floor at Town Meeting, you will have the right and opportunity to increase or decrease any one of the specific capital reserves through an amendment.

ARTICLE 4:

This article proposes the establishment of a capital reserve fund for major highway road reconstruction projects. This article is being funded from the general fund balance and will not impact the tax rate this year. Funding this article from the fund balance is a result of the fact that approximately \$20,000 of the highway budget and road upgrade articles of 1996 was not expended. Road reconstruction projects have proven to be very costly. It's wise to begin to budget for the more costly and larger expenditures planned for the future. Projects targeted with funding from this source will most likely be subcontracted due to the size and scope of work.

ARTICLE 5:

This article provides funding for the Forest Fire Salary Fund and would be used to pay forest fire wages. In the event of a forest fire, volunteer fire fighters receive compensation for their work.

ARTICLE 6:

This article provides funding for road improvement projects scheduled for 1997. The Road Agent hopes to add crushed gravel to the following roads: Birch Hill, Barker, Camp Kemah, Eaton Grange from the Meetinghouse end, Rowell Hill, Winslow Loop, Meadowbrook, Chalk Pond, Stonehouse and Pound Road (Windy Top). The Road Agent is also planning to do some reconstruction work on Windy Top and Newbury Road. A section of Newbury Road will also be pulverized and receive a layer of blacktop binder. Shimming and leveling is also planned for Meetinghouse, Eaton Grange (Bing's), Harvey, Johnson Hill, Shaker, North and Roby Road. The Road Agent's plan is reflective of a Road Upgrade request of \$83,500. However, the Budget Committee did not recommend his request for funding and recommended \$50,000 for upgrade projects.

The State of New Hampshire expects to send \$77,394 in Highway Block Grant Aid to Sutton. This revenue helps defray expenses associated with our improvement projects. This request for funding is in addition to the regular Highway maintenance budget.

ARTICLE 7:

This article is a request to fund the upgrade of fire safety equipment for the Fire Department. This money could be used to upgrade any equipment determined to be safety related within the department.

ARTICLE 8:

This article is a request to fund the construction of street name signs. We were unable to finish all that was needed in 1996. These signs are necessary due to the requirements of E911.

ARTICLE 9:

The funding of this article will provide for the necessary repairs to Baker and East Sutton Road bridges. In 1996, the State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation, recommended both of these bridges be barricaded and closed. Temporary measures were undertaken that allow limited use, *provided the bridges are repaired in 1997*.

The Selectmen have applied for funding via the State's Municipally Managed Bridge Program. If we receive approval, the State's Municipally Managed Bridge Program would reimburse 80% of the total eligible costs or \$64,000. The cost to the town under this program would only represent \$16,000 to repair both of these bridges.

ARTICLE 10:

This article will fund an addition to the Highway Department. The addition will add a lunchroom, employee locker area and needed office space for the Road Agent. The dimensions of the addition will be 16' x 20' and be attached to the back of the building on the end which is closest to Village Road. The office space currently consists of an area that measures 12'6" x 8' or 100 square feet. Included in that space is the bathroom, which takes up 30 square feet. Furthermore, there is no area set aside for employees to eat lunch and store dry clothing. The proposed addition would create ample office space, an environmentally safe area for food consumption and an employee locker area. This addition will also conform to the design of the existing building. Elimination of the old office area will provide a larger, greatly needed work area and allow inside parking for the new road grader.

ARTICLE 11:

This article will not impact the tax rate! In 1996 F.E.M.A. #1144 disaster declaration allowed for emergency repairs to Sutton roads damaged in fall floods. Sutton did some work in 1996 that addressed emergency repairs and constituted our 12.5% required match. Several roads have work that remains to be completed in 1997, which will

bring them back to their original conditions prior to storm damage. The following roads have work that remains to be completed: King Hill & Penacook, Corporation Hill, Shaker, Baker and Beaver Pond Roads. The balance of the work that remains represents \$8,789, 75% from Federal and 12.5% from State matching funds. This appropriation simply allows for the bookkeeping transaction that will be offset by revenue deferred from 1996 and yet to be received in 1997.

ARTICLE 12:

As a result of the F.E.M.A. #1144 declaration for Merrimack County, F.E.M.A. expects funding to be made available for mitigation projects. Mitigation funding helps the Towns address washouts and repairs in a way that will hopefully prevent the reoccurrence of future storm damage. The Selectmen, Road Agent and Emergency Management Director have asked the State to consider awarding Sutton a mitigation grant for several projects associated with the 1996 washouts. The Town is requesting mitigation funding for repairs to King Hill & Penacook, Corporation Hill, Shaker, Baker and Beaver Pond Roads. If F.E.M.A. approves our request for mitigation funding, F.E.M.A. will contribute 75% and the State 12.5% of the necessary funds. Sutton would only be responsible for 12.5% or an amount not to exceed \$3,125.

ARTICLE 13:

The Highway Department is in need of a new truck. This appropriation will fund the replacement of the 1987 truck presently in service. Repairs to the 1987 truck are expected to cost a minimum of \$15,000. The Road Agent recommended the Town replace the old 1987 with a new 1997 Ford L8501 truck at a cost of \$61,727. The Road Agent would like to send the old truck to the State auction. He expects to get more for the old truck at auction than applying it as a trade against a new truck.

The Selectmen and Budget Committee both agree that the Town should purchase a new truck this year. However, they do not agree on how this expenditure should be financed. The Selectmen and Road Agent recommended a three year lease/purchase for a new truck. The Budget Committee is recommending the withdrawal of \$43,000 from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund and to raise the balance of \$18,727 from general taxation. The Selectmen and Road Agent did not want to remove any money from the capital reserve this year. In the near future, capital funds will be needed to replace another truck and a loader. The Selectmen and Road Agent had hoped to replace our next piece of highway equipment with capital reserve cash but

this would require us to borrow for the 1997 truck and refrain from using money in the capital reserve account.

ARTICLE 14:

This article was submitted by petition. It requests \$683 for the Kearsarge Council on Aging to support their administrative and programming functions. The details of their work can be read in their report which has been printed along with other department reports.

ARTICLE 15 & 16:

The Board of Selectmen are recommending that the town approve changing the term of the town clerk and tax collector from one to 3 years. This was also a recommendation made by consultants from the Arvai Group. Most of New Hampshire's town clerks and tax collectors are elected to terms that are 3 years in duration. A one year term is too short for a learning curve, training and full understanding of the position.

ARTICLE 17:

This article allows voters to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Items brought up for discussion can only be advisory or informational in nature. Any items requesting the Town to raise and appropriate money cannot come before the meeting under this article.

Town of Sutton
State of New Hampshire
Town Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack and in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall in said Sutton on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, 1997 next at eight of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the Sutton Zoning Ordinance regulating the construction of wireless telecommunication facilities ("radio towers") in the town? This amendment would prohibit the siting of such facilities on the scenic high places in the town and direct that visual impacts be minimized elsewhere.

(The Planning Board recommends approval of this proposed amendment.)

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the Sutton Zoning and Building Ordinances regulating the height of buildings and structures in the town? This amendment would shift height regulation from the Building Ordinance to the Zoning Ordinance and would establish a special exception process governed by the Zoning Board of Adjustment for certain structures defined in the proposed amendment. There would be no change in the existing height regulation of 35 feet.

(The Planning Board recommends approval of this proposed amendment as part of the initiative to regulate wireless telecommunication facilities in the town.)

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the Sutton Building Ordinance regulating the construction of driveways in the town? This amendment would incorporate into town regulations an existing public safety policy of the Board of Selectmen requiring that a driveway permit be issued by the Road Agent prior to the issuance of a building permit.

(The Planning Board recommends approval of this proposed amendment.)

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the Sutton Building Ordinance requiring house numbering? This amendment would mandate that all residences in the town to display identification numbers corresponding to the statewide "911" emergency services response system effective within six months of approval at Town Meeting.

(The Planning Board recommends approval of this proposed amendment.)

Given under our hands and seal, this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Charles G. Ash
Courtney E. Haase
Selectmen of Sutton, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

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Town of Sutton
State of New Hampshire
Town Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall in said Sutton on Wednesday, the Twelfth day of March, 1997 next at seven of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$798,260 *which represents the recommendations of the Budget Committee for the operating budget*. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

4130 Executive	\$ 67,600.00
4140 Election & Registration	1,002.00
4150 Financial Administration	51,380.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	5,000.00
4153 Legal Expense	15,000.00
4155 Personnel Administration	35,050.00
4191 Planning Board	3,044.00
4192 Zoning Board	2,000.00
4194 General Government Buildings	15,719.00
4195 Cemeteries	7,500.00
4196 Insurance	49,490.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Association	1,330.00
4210 Police Department	96,130.00
4215 Ambulance	3,300.00
4220 Fire Department	17,549.00
4240 Building Inspection	1,000.00
4290 Emergency Management	300.00
4299 Dispatching Services	8,298.00
4312 Highway Department	281,730.00
4316 Street Lighting	7,000.00
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	77,690.00
4325 Solid Waste Committee	250.00
4411 Health Administration	1,150.00
4415 Health Agencies	3,650.00
4442 Direct Assistance	5,000.00
4443 Welfare Administration	4,009.00
4520 Culture & Recreation	6,163.00
4550 Library	9,114.00

4583 Patriotic Purposes	400.00
4611 Conservation Commission	1,212.00
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	20,000.00
4724 Interest on Abatements	200.00

Article 2: Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Sutton based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000; For a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,400 or, if married, a combined new income of less than \$26,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

(As required by State law, the vote on this article must be by secret ballot)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,250 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Police Cruiser	\$ 9,000.00
Town Bridges	5,000.00
Incinerator Replacement	10,000.00
Forest Fire Equipment	250.00
Fire Equipment	15,000.00
Ambulance Replacement	2,000.00
Property Revaluation	10,000.00
Incinerator Recycling Building & Equipment	10,000.00

(The Selectmen DO NOT RECOMMEND this appropriation but the Budget Committee does RECOMMENDS this appropriation.)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of highway road reconstruction projects and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from the 1996 general fund balance for this purpose.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Forest Fire Salaries, Expendable General Fund Trust, previously established.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the upgrade of paved and gravel roads. Graveling, shimming and leveling will be added to various roads, some reconstruction work will take place on Pound Road (Windy Top) and pavement on Newbury Road.

(The Selectmen DO NOT RECOMMEND this appropriation but the Budget Committee does RECOMMENDS this appropriation)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to upgrade fire safety equipment for the Fire Department.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the construction of street name signs.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for repairs to Baker Road bridge #136/163 and East Sutton Road bridge #191059 and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept grants of federal or state aid or both as may be available. Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI this appropriation shall not lapse until repairs are completed or until December 31, 1998, whichever comes first.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000 for the purpose of an addition to the Highway Garage. The addition will consist of a locker area, lunchroom and office space.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,789 for the purpose of repairing town roads or portions thereof destroyed by floods, and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept grants of federal or state aid or both as may be available. This appropriation represents the balance or 87.5% of the total expected costs for the FEMA #1144 disaster declaration and is exclusive of any specific mitigation projects.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of mitigation and reconstruction of town roads or portions thereof destroyed by floods, and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept grants of federal or state aid or both as may be available PROVIDED THAT FEDERAL AND STATE AID FUNDING SHALL CONSTITUTE 87.5% OF THE APPROPRIATION and to do all things necessary to carry out the purposes of this appropriation.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,727 for the purpose of purchasing a 1997 Ford L8501 Dump Truck and further authorize the withdrawal of \$43,000 from the 1993 Highway Department Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose. The balance of \$18,727 is to come from general taxation. The Town will sell at auction, the old 1987 dump truck and place the revenues into the general fund balance.

(The Selectmen DO NOT RECOMMEND this appropriation but the Budget Committee does RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$683 for the purposes of funding and supporting the administrative and programming functions of the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc.

(By petition of Robert J. Bradley, Reva Bailey and 26 others)

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee DO NOT RECOMMEND this appropriation.)

Article 15: Are you in favor of changing the term of the town clerk from one to 3 years, beginning with the term of the town clerk to be elected at next year's regular town meeting?

(As required by State law, the vote on this article must be by secret ballot.)

Article 16: Are you in favor of changing the term of the tax collector from one to 3 years, beginning with the term of the tax collector to be elected at next year's regular town meeting?

(As required by State law, the vote on this article must be by secret ballot.)

Article 17: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Charles G. Ash
Courtney E. Haase
Selectmen of Sutton, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

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Budget of the Town of Sutton, NH

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
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BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 24

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF SUTTON N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997 or
for Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

Budget Committee: (Please sign in ink.)

Date 2/9/97

William I. Calton

Donna W. Lomen

Robert H. Hase

Richard C. Keilain

Norman F. Jorand

Margaret M. Trill

(Revised 1996)

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Year 1997		Budget of the Town of		SUTTON		MS		
Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DUA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139 Executive		1	70,926.	70,982.03	71,151.		67,600.	3,551.
4140-4149 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		1	3,650.	3,650.61	1,002.		1,002.	
4150-4151 Financial Administration		1	55,239.	52,777.36	53,596.		51,380.	2,216.
4152 Evaluation of Property		1	5,000.	5,950.00	5,000.		5,000.	
4153 Legal Expense		1	15,000.	16,202.31	15,000.		15,000.	
4155-4159 Personnel Administration		1	32,104.	30,812.27	35,050.		35,050.	
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning		1	5,200.	5,099.27	5,257.		5,244.	213.
4194 General Government Buildings		1	13,010.	11,935.89	15,719.		15,719.	
4195 Cemeteries		1	7,500.	7,425.00	7,500.		7,500.	
4196 Insurance		1	30,485.	48,726.06	49,490.		49,490.	
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1	1,325.	1,325.00	1,330.		1,330.	
4199 Other General Government								
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214 Police		1	102,933.	98,397.32	99,334.		96,130.	3,204.
4215-4219 Ambulance		1	2,500.	2,500.00	3,300.		3,300.	
4220-4229 Fire		1	19,400.	19,053.74	17,549.		17,549.	
4240-4249 Building Inspection		1	1,000.	1,000.00	1,000.		1,000.	
4290-4298 Emergency Management		1	300.	90.40	300.		300.	
4299 Other Public Safety (including Communications) DISPATCH		1			8,298.		8,298.	
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS SERVICE								
4311-4312 Administration & Highways & Streets		1	264,608.	261,584.31	298,687.		281,730	16,957.
4313 Bridges								
4316-4319 Street Lighting & Other		1	7,187.	6,982.55	7,000.		7,000.	

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
SANITATION								
4321-4323	Administration & Solid Waste Collection		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4324-4325	Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup	1	66,365.	67,737.08	31,751.		77,940.	3,811.
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331-4332	Administration & Water Services		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Administration & Generation		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4355-4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH								
4411-4414	Administration & Pest Control							
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	1	6,774.	3,931.52	4,300.		4,800.	
WELFARE								
4441-4449	Direct Assistance To Individuals	1	10,009.	6,455.94	9,009.		9,009.	
4444	Intergov. Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							
CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	1	6,163.	6,163.00	6,163.		6,163.	
4530-4539	Library	1	9,000.	8,970.21	9,114.		9,114.	

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4583	Patriotic Purposes							
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	1	425.	362.50	400.		400.	
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources							
4619	Other Conservation	1	1,400.	1,400.00	1,212.		1,212.	
4631-2	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING							
4631-9	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4712	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4723	Interest on Tax	1	30,000.	12,350.00	20,000.		20,000.	
4724	Int. on ABATEMENTS	1	300.	110.55	200.		200.	
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4801	Land & Improvements							
4802	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improv Other Than Buildings							
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	to Special Revenue Fund							
4913	to Capital Projects Fund							
4914	to Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-							
	Water-							
	Electric-							

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Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By OBA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTOR'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maint. Trust Fund)							
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund							
4918	EXD. Behind. From CRF			34.27				
4919	To Agency Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1			787,644.	751,957.10	828,862.		798,260.	30,602.
lease note: "Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles", which are addressed below.								
Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By OBA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTOR'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4195	Cemetery Upgrade		2,500					
4196	Eq11 Wanning		2,000					
4312	Street Signs		1,500.	935.	2,000.		2,000.	
4902	Grader&Winc/Incinerator		61,476.	50,016.01				
"	Hwy Truck	13			22,000.	39,727.	5,727.	
4903	Hwy Bldg. Addition	10						
"	Roof Repairs & Alarms		13,811.	13,328.86	17,000.		17,000.	
4909	Fire Safety Equip.	7	5,000.	4,949.36	5,000.		5,000.	
"	Rescue Defib. Machine		2,500.	2,500.				
"	Road Upgrade	6	100,000.	82,149.63	83,500.		50,000.	33,500.
"	F.E.M.A. Repairs	11	150,000.	93,146.44	8,789.		8,789.	
"	F.E.M.A. Mitigation	12			25,000.		25,000.	

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ACCT. NO.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:6)	WARR. ART. #	APPROPRIATIONS Prior Year As Approved By DBA	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXISTING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXISTING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL 2 Recommended								
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	163,299	XXXXXXXXXX	169,516	XXXXXXXXXX
Special warrant articles are derived in RSA 31:5 VI as 1) authorized warrant articles; 2) an article whose appropriation is raised by bonds or notes; 3) an article which calls for an appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; and 4) any article designated on the warrant as a special article or as an appropriation of nontransferable article.								
ACCT. NO.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:6)	WARR. ART. #	APPROPRIATIONS Prior Year As Approved By DBA	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXISTING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXISTING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
313	Bridge Repairs	9	40,500.	39,096.	80,000.		90,000.	
415	Council on Aging	14				593.		683.
915	Capital Res. Funds	364	67,750.	67,750.	96,250.		81,250.	
916	Exc. Fund Trusts	5	1,500.	1,500.	1,000.		1,000.	
TOTAL			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	111,250.	XXXXXXX	162,250.	XXXXXXXXXX

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TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes			1,110.00	1,000.00
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		19,000.00	28,190.27	25,000.00
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes Power Profit		1,049.00	1,049.30	539.00
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		68,500.00	73,536.33	70,000.00
	Inventory Penalties				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		25.00	25.00	25.00
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		140,600.00	143,369.20	143,400.00
3230	Building Permits		1,400.00	1,940.00	2,000.00
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		2,500.00	3,115.96	3,100.00
3311-3319 FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT					
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		18,753.00	40,709.81	21,700.00
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Block Grant		70,734.00	70,733.90	77,394.00
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development Bridge Aid	g			64,000.00
3356	State & Federal forest Land Reimbursement		38.00	38.44	39.00
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Gas Tax Reimbursement (Including Railroad Tax)		416.00	415.84	58.00
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS FEMA	11&12	131,250.00	107,535.00	30,664.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		20,000.00	15,813.25	18,800.00
3409	Other Charges Bank Charges		45.00	75.00	75.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		7,000.00	5,224.50	5,000.00
3502	Interest on Investments		19,000.00	22,170.65	22,000.00
3503-3509	Other Cable, Ins. Div & Re mb.		35,000.00	34,731.66	34,000.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	Special Revenue Funds				

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3912 Special Revenue Funds					
Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE for Ensuing Fiscal Year
3913	Capital Projects fund				
3914	Enterprise fund				
	Sever - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
3915	Capital Reserve Fund	13	2,500.00		43,000.00
3916	Cemetery, Church, Museum	1	3,125.00	2,897.07	2,863.00
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts Voted from "Surplus"		XXXXXXXXXX	935.00	20,000.00
	"Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes		XXXXXXXXXX	45,000.00	XXXXXXXXXX
	TOTAL REVENUES		540,935.00	598,616.18	584,657.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

SELECTMEN

BUDGET COMMITTEE

SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 4)	828,862.00	798,260.00
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles (from page 4)	163,289.00	169,516.00
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles as defined by law (from page 4)	177,250.00	162,250.00
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,169,401.00	1,130,026.00
less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes) (from above)	541,657.00	584,657.00
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	627,744.00	545,369.00

HELP! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. No.	W.A. No.	Amount		Acct.No.	W.A. No.	Amount

Notes

In Recognition of Outstanding Services Performed Sunday, September 1, 1996, In Saving a Human Life from a Car Inferno

The Officers of the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the firemen, rescue members, police, and private citizens for their outstanding service in a dramatic fire rescue of a person from a vehicle overturned, fully engulfed with entrapment. Because of quick response and quick action taken with the rescue of Rosa Weinstein, resident of Enfield, NH and McLean, VA, we would like to recognize six residents of Sutton: Brian Thompson, Bob Gagnon, Murray Smith, Sandy Robinson, Chipper Rowe, and Bert Dauphinais, for their heroic deed. On Sunday, September 1, 1996, at approximately 6:00 p.m. a car traveling north on Route 114 went through the intersection of Route 114 and North Road and proceeded to hit a tree and stone wall, coming to rest across from the Sutton Fire Station, on its side. At this point it burst into flames. Because of these individuals' quick action the Emergency Response System was activated. Rosa was extricated from the burning vehicle from which she was trapped and transported to New London Hospital. She was later air-lifted to the Mass. General Burn Center. At this time Rosa is recovering from severe burns.

The Officers of The Sutton Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank everyone involved with this rescue as well as the other rescues and fires in the Town of Sutton. Because of your willingness to be involved it makes our job a lot easier and we cannot express our thanks enough for all the volunteer time you give.

Darrel Palmer, Chief
Chris Rowe, Captain
Matt Grimes, 1st Lt.
Cory Cochran, 2nd Lt.



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TRIBUTE TO BRIAN THOMPSON, BOB GAGNON, "CHIPPER" ROWE, SANDY ROBINSON, MURRAY SMITH, AND ALBERT DAUPHINAIS, SIX NEW HAMPSHIRE HEROES

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to six heroic residents of North Sutton, NH, who saved the life of my good friend and neighbor, Rosa Weinstein. Brian Thompson, Bob Gagnon, "Chipper" Rowe, Sandy Robinson, Murray Smith and Albert Dauphinais all acted without hesitation to rescue Rosa from her burning car in order to get her to the hospital. I am very proud of these six individuals from North Sutton who did not waste 1 second in coming to Rosa's rescue. I would like to extend a personal word of thanks to each one of them for saving my friend's life.

On September 1, Rosa Weinstein was driving through North Sutton, NH, when her car went out of control, flipped over on its side and caught on fire. By what many have described as a miracle, the accident occurred within a few yards of the North Sutton Volunteer Fire Station and in front of the home of Brian Thompson. Immediately after Brian saw the car from his kitchen window, he used a fire extinguisher to contain the flames coming from the car. As Brian was doing this, two firemen, Bob Gagnon and "Chipper" Rowe, ran to the nearby firehouse for the equipment to put out the flames. Three additional heroes, Murray Smith, Albert Dauphinais, and Sandy Robinson,

a emergency management technician, helped put out the flames, rescued Rosa from inside the car and kept her alive long enough to be taken to the hospital.

Rosa suffered considerably from the accident, but she is very grateful for the actions of the North Sutton residents who so quickly came to her aid. There is no doubt whatsoever in anyone's mind that Rosa owes her life to these six heroes.

It is my hope that Rosa will regain her strength soon and will make a speedy recovery over the next few weeks. Both Rosa and her husband, Harris, are wonderful, thoughtful friends. Indeed, I was very sad to hear about the accident, but am also very proud of the way the six North Sutton residents reacted.

Harris expressed the deep gratitude of Rosa's family by saying, "The uncommon heroism demonstrated by Brian Thompson, Bob Gagnon, "Chipper" Rowe, Sandy Robinson, Murray Smith, and Albert Dauphinais is an extraordinary example of America at its best. We will forever be thankful for their selfless, quick-thinking action."

Mr. President, the actions of these six individuals on that day in early September are truly remarkable. Their efforts are appreciated not only by Rosa's family but by myself and many other New Hampshire residents. And, for Rosa, I wish the very best for her as she recovers from her injuries. Our thoughts and prayers are with her •

Town of Sutton, New Hampshire

Town Meeting

March 13, 1996

Moderator Gregory Gill called the meeting to order at seven o'clock in the afternoon. Moderator Gill lead the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed for those residents who had passed away since the last annual meeting. The results of the March 12, 1996 election of officers was announced and those officers present were sworn in to office. The rules of order were explained by Mr. Gill.

A presentation was made to retiring Selectman Richard King in appreciation for his service to the town.

Darrel Palmer moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant, seconded by Robert Nelson. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 1:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$787,644.00 which represents the operating budget.

4130	Executive.....	\$ 70,926.00
4140	Election & Registration	3,650.00
4150	Financial Administration.....	55,239.00
4152	Revaluation of Property	5,000.00
4153	Legal Expense.....	15,000.00
4155	Personnel Administration	32,104.00
4191	Planning Board	3,600.00
4192	Zoning Board	1,500.00
4194	General Government Buildings	13,010.00
4195	Cemeteries	7,500.00
4196	Insurance	50,486.00
4197	Advertising & Regional Association	1,325.00
4210	Police Department.....	102,933.00
4215	Ambulance.....	2,500.00
4220	Fire Department	19,400.00
4240	Building Inspection	1,000.00
4290	Emergency Management.....	300.00
4312	Highway Department.....	264,608.00
4316	Street Lighting	7,187.00
4324	Solid Waste Disposal.....	64,115.00
4325	Solid Waste Committee.....	2,250.00
4411	Health Administration	1,600.00
4415	Health Agencies & Hospitals	5,114.00
4442	Direct Assistance	6,000.00
4443	Welfare Administration	4,009.00

4520	Culture & Recreation.....	6,163.00
4550	Library.....	9,000.00
4583	Patriotic Purposes.....	425.00
5611	Conservation Commission.....	1,400.00
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes.....	30,000.00
4724	Interest on Abatements.....	300.00

Darrel Palmer moved to accept Article 1 as read, seconded by Norman Forand. Richard Deschenes moved to amend Article 1 as follows: that the combination annual salary of the clerk and tax collector be proportionately linked to the number of open-to-the public office hours per week, and to be paid in conformity with the way we pay other full-time employees for salaries and benefits. There was no second.

John Lambert moved to amend Article 1 as follows: that the dental insurance rate to be covered the same as the health insurance at 90% funding by the Town. The amendment was seconded by Robert Nelson. It was determined that this would increase the line item #4155 Personnel Administration by \$1,600.00. The vote on the amendment was defeated by voice vote.

The Moderator declared Article 1 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 2:

Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-b providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? This authorization will remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the municipal meeting.

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 2 as read, seconded by Robert Wright. The Moderator declared Article 2 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to RSA 31:19, to accept gifts, legacies and devises made in trust to the town for any public purpose. Such authority shall continue indefinitely until rescinded.

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 3 as read, seconded by Courtney Haase. The Moderator declared Article 3 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,750.00 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Highway Equipment/Trucks	\$10,000.00
Town Bridge	1,500.00
Incinerator Replacement	10,000.00
Forest Fire Equipment.....	250.00
Fire Equipment	15,000.00

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Howard Friel moved to accept Article 4 as read, seconded by Norman Forand. The Moderator declared Article 4 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 5:

To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund (pursuant to RSA 35) for the future revaluation of the town and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 towards that purpose, and appoint the Selectmen as agents to administer this fund. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 5 as read, seconded by Robert Nelson. The Moderator declared Article 5 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Solid Waste Recycling Building and Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in this fund. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 6 as read, seconded by Howard Friel. The Moderator declared Article 6 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Road Rescue Ambulance and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be placed in this fund. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 7 as read, seconded by Eleanor Alleman. Darrel Palmer moved to amend Article 7 as follows:

and the funds to be allocated to the Town of Bradford, New Hampshire, c/o the Frank Wise Memorial Fund.

The motion to amend was seconded by William Curless. The vote on the amendment to Article 7 carried by voice. The Moderator declared Article 7 as amended carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Police Cruiser and Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 to be placed in this fund. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Darrel Palmer moved to accept Article 8 as read, seconded by Robert Nelson. The Moderator declared Article 8 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to be added to various Expendable General Fund Trusts previously established as follows:

Accrued Benefit Fund	\$ 500.00
Forest Fire Salaries	1,000.00

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Charlene Amweg moved to accept Article 9 as read, seconded by Eleanor Alleman. The Moderator declared Article 9 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the construction of street signs and authorize the transfer of the December 31, 1995 general fund balance in that amount for this purpose. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Darrel Palmer moved to accept Article 10 as read, seconded by David LeBrun. The Moderator declared Article 10 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for expansion of the Millswood Cemetery and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$2,500.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund for

Cemeteries for this purpose. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Darrel Palmer moved to accept Article 11 as read, seconded by Carroll Thompson. The Moderator declared Article 11 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of updating records and maps for the E911 system and authorize the transfer of the December 31, 1995 general fund balance in that amount for this purpose. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 12 as read, seconded by Eleanor Alleman. The Moderator declared Article 12 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a motor grader for the Highway Department. The cost of the grader including an extended powertrain warranty is \$125,030.00. The Town will trade the old grader for \$20,000.00 against the cost of the replacement grader. The balance due will be \$105,030.00 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,373.00 for the first year's payment for that purpose. THIS IS A LEASE/PURCHASE WITH A NON-APPROPRIATION CLAUSE WHICH ALLOWS THE TOWN TO TERMINATE THE LEASE IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE NOT APPROPRIATED IN THE FUTURE. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 13 as read, seconded by Eleanor Alleman.

Charles Ash moved to amend Article 13 as follows (amendment #1): To change the figure of \$23,373.00 to \$23,681.00 for the first year's payment. Seconded by Jennifer Swett. The Moderator declared the amendment (amendment #1) to Article 13 carried by voice vote.

David Ebert moved to amend Article 13 as follows (amendment #2): the article to include the cost of a new wing for the grader, that cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. The amendment was seconded by Donald Sharp. The Moderator declared the amendment (amendment #2) to Article 13 carried by voice vote.

Darrel Palmer moved to amend Article 13 as follows (amendment #3): the cost of the new wing to be spent in one year. The amend-

ment was seconded by Charlene Amweg. The Moderator declared the amendment (amendment #3) to Article 13 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 13 as amended:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a motor grader for the Highway Department. The cost of the grader including an extended powertrain warranty is \$125,030.00 The Town will trade the old grader for \$20,000.00 against the cost of the replacement grader. The balance due will be \$105,030.00 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,681.00 for the first year's payment for that purpose. THIS IS A LEASE/PURCHASE WITH A NON-APPROPRIATION CLAUSE WHICH ALLOWS THE TOWN TO TERMINATE THE LEASE IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE NOT APPROPRIATED IN THE FUTURE. Also, to include a one year payment not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a wing.

The Moderator declared Article 13, as amended, carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for repairs to the Cotton Road Bridge. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Darrel Palmer moved to accept Article 14 as read, seconded by Robert Wright. The Moderator declared Article 14 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 15:

To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$150,000.00 for the purpose of reconstructing town roads and bridges or portions thereof destroyed by floods; and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept grants of federal or state aid or both as may be available PROVIDED THAT FEDERAL AND STATE AID FUNDING SHALL CONSTITUTE 87 1/2% OF THE APPROPRIATION and to do all things necessary to carry out the purposes of this appropriation. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Robert Wright moved to accept Article 15 as read, seconded by Eleanor Alleman. The Moderator declared Article 15 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,795.00 to re-line the Incinerator. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Carroll Thompson moved to accept Article 16 as read, seconded by Norman Forand. The Moderator declared Article 16 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for potential repairs to the Incinerator. Unless spent and pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI this appropriation shall not lapse until the potential repairs are completed or until December 31, 1998, whichever comes first. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 17 as read, seconded by Eleanor Alleman. The Moderator declared Article 17 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the upgrade of paved and gravel roads including reconstruction on a section of Newbury Road. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Robert Wright moved to accept Article 18 as read, seconded by Norman Forand. The Moderator declared Article 18 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,500.00 for repairs to Hominy Pot Bridge. Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI this appropriation shall not lapse until the project is completed or until December 31, 1998, whichever comes first. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 19 as read, seconded by Robert Nelson. Darrel Palmer moved to amend Article 19 as follows: the work to be completed by December 31, 1996. The motion to amend Article 19 was seconded by Noel Murdough. The Moderator declared the amendment to Article 19 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator declared Article 19 as amended carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 20:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,078.00 for upgrade of existing street lighting. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation but the Budget Committee DOES NOT.)

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 20 as read, seconded by Charlene Amweg. The Moderator declared Article 20 defeated by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 21:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,400.00 for roof replacement and other repairs to the Fire Station. Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI this appropriation shall not lapse until the project is completed or until December 31, 1998, whichever comes first. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Charlene Amweg moved to accept Article 21 as read, seconded by Norman Forand. The Moderator declared Article 21 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 22:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for upgrade of the fire safety equipment for the Fire Department. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Robert Nelson moved to accept Article 22 as read, seconded by Kevin Rowe. The Moderator declared Article 22 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 23:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of funding the purchase of a Rescue Defibrillator Machine for the Sutton Rescue Squad. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 23 as read, seconded by Eleanor Alleman. The Moderator declared Article 23 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 24:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,411.00 to install a fire alarm system at the Fire and Highway Departments and to also install a burglar alarm system at the Highway Department. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Darrel Palmer moved to accept Article 24 as read, seconded by Kevin Rowe. The Moderator declared Article 24 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 25:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to be added to the Sutton Waste Facilities 1996 budget representing a 2 & 1/2% wage increase, long overdue, and this being in the event that this amount has been disapproved by either or both the

Selectmen and Budget Committee in the facility's 1996 budget request, in addition to the cost of living increase. (By Petition of Dudley Alleman and 29 others.) (The Selectmen and Budget Committee DO NOT recommend this appropriation.)

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 25 as read, seconded by Darrel Palmer. Robert Wright moved to table Article 25, seconded by Darrel Palmer. The Moderator declared Article 25 tabled by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 26:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00 for the purpose of funding and supporting the administrative and programming functions of the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging and furthermore, request that the Town recommend that this request be placed within the town's operating budget. (By Petition of Robert Bradley, Hazel Brown and 24 others.) (The Selectmen and Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation.)

Darrel Palmer moved to accept Article 26 as read, seconded by Eleanor Alleman. The Moderator declared a voice vote on Article 26 too close to call. The Moderator declared Article 26 defeated by a show of hands, 37 yes votes, 45 no votes.

The Moderator read Article 27:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey by deed the property known as land off North Road, Tax Map 5 Lot 622,555 to Robert York, in consideration of all unpaid taxes, interest and costs on or before March 31, 1996.

Selectman Stanley LeBrun moved to withdraw Article 27. The Moderator declared Article 27 withdrawn by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 28:

To see if the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire, will vote to designate Blaisdell Hill Road, commencing at Johnson Road and ending at Archie Sawyer Road, a SCENIC ROAD in accordance with RSA 231:157 and 158, for the purpose of protecting and enhancing the rural and scenic character and the beauty of Sutton. (By Petition of Eugene Aubert and 37 others.)

Darrel Palmer moved to table Article 28, seconded by Carroll Thompson. The motion to table Article 28 was defeated by a show of hands, 33 yes votes, 47 no votes.

Eugene Aubert moved to accept Article 28 as read, seconded by Jennifer Swett. The Moderator declared Article 28 carried by a show of hands, 54 yes votes, 28 no votes.

The Moderator read Article 29:

To see if the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire, will vote to designate Cotton Road, commencing at Shaker Street and ending at Baker Road, a SCENIC ROAD in accordance with RSA 231:157 and 158, for the purpose of protecting and enhancing the rural and scenic character and the beauty of Sutton. (By Petition of Eugene Aubert and 31 others.)

Jennifer Swett moved to accept Article 29 as read, seconded by Charlene Amweg. The Moderator declared Article 29 defeated by show of hands, 33 yes votes, 41 no votes.

The Moderator read Article 30:

To see if the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire, will vote to designate Hominy Pot Road, commencing at Keyser Street and ending at the New London town line, a SCENIC ROAD in accordance with RSA 231:157 and 158, for the purpose of protecting and enhancing the rural and scenic character and the beauty of Sutton. (By Petition of Eugene Aubert and 30 others.)

David Anderson moved to accept Article 30 as read, seconded by Eugene Aubert. The Moderator declared Article 30 carried by a show of hands, 43 yes votes, 32 no votes.

The Moderator read Article 31:

To see if the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire, will vote to designate North Road, commencing at Mastin Road and ending at East Sutton Road, a SCENIC ROAD in accordance with RSA 231:157 and 158, for the purpose of protecting and enhancing the rural and scenic character and the beauty of Sutton. (By Petition of Eugene Aubert and 30 others.)

David Anderson moved to accept Article 31 as read, seconded by Donald Davis. The Moderator declared Article 31 carried by a show of hands, 37 yes votes, 34 no votes. A motion for a recount was made by Carroll Thompson and 9 others. Upon recount, the Moderator declared Article 31 carried by a show of hands, 42 yes votes, 34 no votes.

Road Agent, Donald Sharp, thanked the people who had filled in for the Highway Department during the winter.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol P. Curless
Town Clerk

Election Results: March 12, 1996

For Moderator – 2 years

Gregory Gill275

For Selectman – 3 years

Courtney Haase 99

For Treasurer – 1 year

Charles F. Whittemore.....275

For Town Clerk – 1 year

Carol P. Curless293

For Tax Collector – 1 year

Carol P. Curless293

For Overseer of Welfare – 1 year

Courtney Haase282

For Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 years

George G. Wells282

For Budget Committee – 3 years

Norman Forand238

Roger W. Lamson, Jr.224

For Cemetery Commission – 3 years

Darrel Palmer160

For Library Trustee – 3 years

Sandra L. Nelson120

Henry Nichols109

Article 2:

Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the Sutton Zoning Ordinance regulating the land application of municipal sewage sludge in the town? This amendment would establish a permitting process governed by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and sets performance standards enforceable by the town should such a permit be approved. The Planning Board recommends approval of this proposed amendment.

YES..... 234

NO..... 52

Auditor's Statement for 1995

Independent Auditor's Communication of Reportable Conditions and Other Matters

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Sutton for the year ended December 31, 1995, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Presentation

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Sutton as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Sutton has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Sutton, as of December 31, 1995, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Sutton. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

Auditor's Statement for 1996

Independent Auditor's Report on the Internal Control Structure Based on an Audit of General-Purpose Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Sutton, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon, which was qualified as indicated therein, dated February 5, 1997.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Town of Sutton is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general-purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Sutton for the year ended December 31, 1996, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the pur-

pose of expressing our opinion on the general-purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general-purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above. Other matters coming to our attention were mainly procedural in nature or related to opportunities for cost savings and efficiency which we discussed with management or specific individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended for the information of management, and the Town. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Presentation

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting princi-

ples used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Sutton has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated February 5, 1997 on our consideration of the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire's internal control structure and a report dated February 5, 1997 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

Paul J. Mercier, C.P.A.
The Mercier Group
A Professional Corporation

1996 Tax Rate Calculation

Town of Sutton

	Town Portion	Property Taxes	Tax Rates
Appropriations	1,236,181		
Less: Revenues.....	589,435		
Less: Shared Revenues	6,825		
Add: Overlay.....	15,397		
War Service Credits.....	15,400		
Net Town Appropriation		670,718	
Special Adjustment.....		0	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort		670,718	
Municipal Tax Rate			6.47

School Portion

Due to Local School	0		
Due to Regional School	1,634,819		
Less: Shared Revenues	13,694		
Net School Appropriation		1,621,125	
Special Adjustment.....		0	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		1,621,125	
School(s) Tax Rate			15.62

County Portion

Due to County	229,724		
Less: Shared Revenues	1,217		
Net County Appropriation.....		228,507	
Special Adjustment.....		0	
Approved County Tax Effort.....		228,507	
County Tax Rate.....			2.20

Combined Tax Rate 24.29

Total Property Taxes Assessed 2,520,350

Commitment Analysis

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,520,350
Less: War Service Credits	(15,400)
Add: Village District Commitment(s).....	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	2,504,950

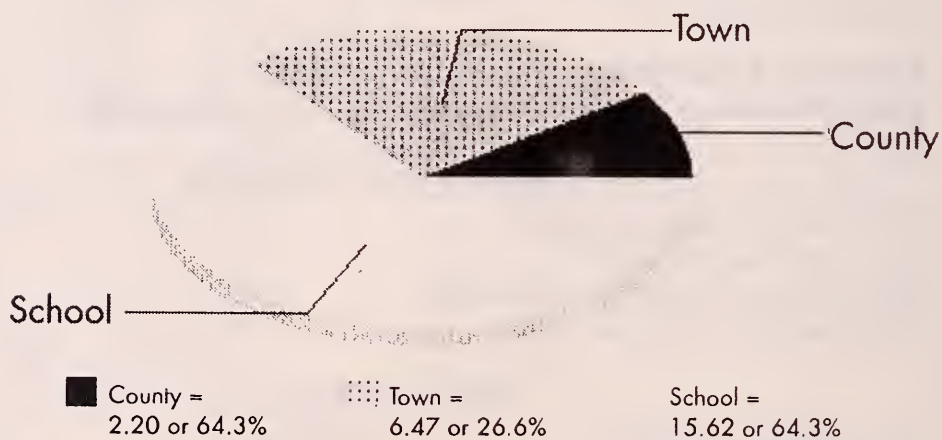
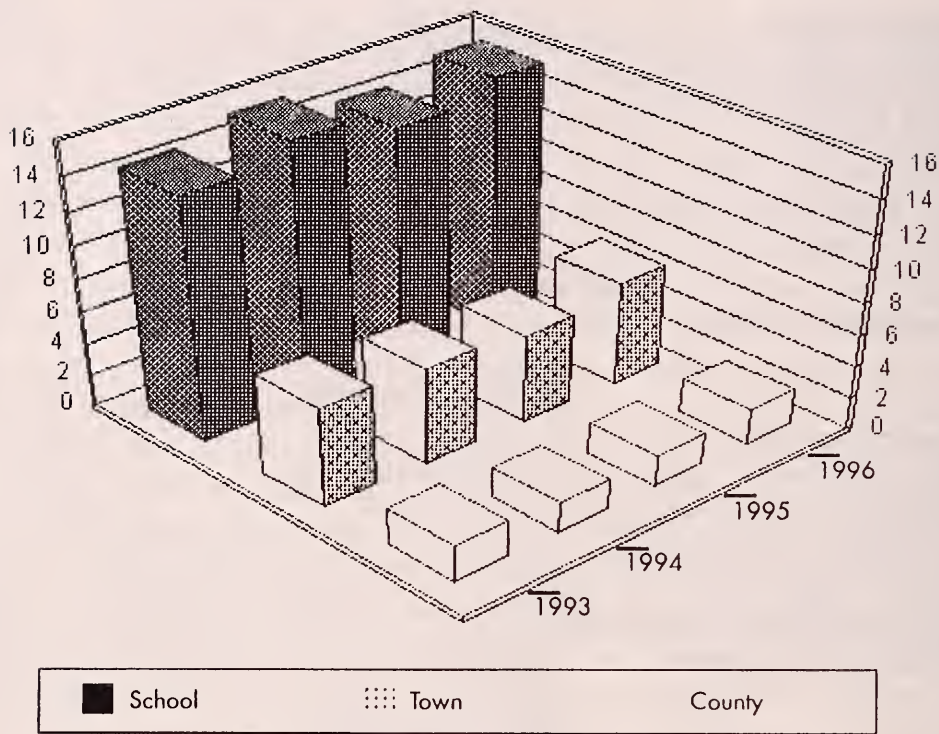
Proof of Rate

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
103,760,797	24.29	2,520,350

1996 Bond Requirement

Treasurer:	70,000	Tax Collector:.....	66,000
Town Clerk:	17,000	Trustees of Trust Funds:	45,000

Sutton Tax Rate Comparison



Tax Rate
Per Thousand

Summary of Inventory Valuation 1996

Value of Land Only

Current Use (At Current Use Values).....	\$1,359,338
Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values).....	52,332
Residential.....	40,634,100
Commercial.....	2,387,405
TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND.....	<u>\$44,433,175</u>

Value of Buildings Only

Residential.....	\$54,331,510
Manufactured Housing.....	126,190
Commercial.....	4,066,695
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS.....	<u>\$58,524,395</u>
TOTAL OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.....	\$1,013,227
TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS.....	\$103,970,797

Less:

Elderly Exemption (16).....	<u>210,000</u>
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NET VALUATION

ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED.....	\$103,760,797
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Net Valuation Comparison

Year	Valuations
*1992.....	106,218,695
1993.....	104,722,394
1994.....	105,766,168
1995.....	106,138,405
1996.....	103,760,797

*Reflects property revaluation

Report on Current Use Assessment as if 12/31/96

	Current Use Report (Number of Acres)		
	Granted in Prior Years	Granted for Current Year	Totals
Farm Land*	469.20	37.17	506.37
Forest Land*	15,058.41	1,134.8	16,193.21
Unproductive Land*	22.04	10.0	32.04
Wet Land*	610.63	82.7	693.33

	Conservation Restriction Assessment Report (Number of Acres)		
	Granted in Prior Years	Granted for Current Year	Totals
Farm Land*	63.39	0	63.39
Forest Land*	445.49	216.00	661.49
Unproductive Land*	3.7	0	3.7
Wet Land*	0	30.0	30.0

Total Number of Acres Exempted under Current Use	17,424.95
Total Number of Acres Taken Out of Current Use During Year34
Total Number of Acres Exempted under Conservation Restriction Easement.....	758.58
Total Number of Acres Receiving the 20% Recreational Assessment.....	8,604.98
Total Number of Owners Granted Current Use Assessment	354
Total Number of Owners Granted Conservation Restriction Assessment.....	6

*Beginning figures adjusted due to computer error on previous report of 1995.

All current use values are calculated at 98% as determined by the 1995 equalization ratio set by the N.H. Dept. of Revenue Administration. These figures include 758.58 acres which were under conservation restriction easement. 1,264.67 acres were placed in current use in 1996.

Balance Sheet

Year Ending December 31, 1996

Assets

CASH	
Checking Account	\$ 658,610.84
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	
Power Profit	538.68
UNREDEEMED TAXES	
Prior Years	192,572.16
UNCOLLECTED TAXES	
Levy 1996, Property	292,276.77
Yield Tax	3,157.19
Allowance for	
Uncollectible Taxes	(90,000.00)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,057,155.64

Liabilities

WARRANT ARTICLES HELD OVER	
1996 Incinerator Repairs	\$ 4,350.00
1996 E911 Mapping Project	100.00
BALANCE DUE SCHOOL DISTRICT	
1996-97 Appropriation	817,019.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS PAYABLE	25.08
DEFERRED REVENUE — F.E.M.A.	7,575.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 829,069.08

UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	
(Assets minus Liabilities):	\$ 230,086.56

Change in Financial Condition	
Balance, 12/31/95 (audited)	\$ 174,229.09
Balance, 12/31/96 (audited)	230,086.56
Increase	\$ 55,857.47

Report of the Town Clerk for year ending December 31, 1996

Received for Motor Vehicle permits	\$143,433.20
Remitted to Treasurer	143,433.20
Received for Title fees	482.00
Remitted to Treasurer	482.00
Received for Dog licenses	1,400.00
Remitted to Treasurer	1,400.00
Received for Vital Statistics and Marriages	619.00
Remitted to Treasurer	619.00
Received for UCC filings	494.96
Remitted to Treasurer	494.96
Received for Town Clerk fees	233.50
Remitted to Treasurer	233.50
Received for Bank Service Charges	15.00
Remitted to Treasurer	15.00
Total Remitted to Treasurer	\$146,677.66

Report of the Office of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector

In 1996 we began to collect property taxes on a semi-annual basis. Most people seemed to like the idea. It seems to have improved our tax collection rate, which has risen from 82% in 1995 to 88% in 1996. I think, also, that banks are requiring people to escrow their taxes and have taken a more active role in making sure that taxes are being paid.

Finally in November we became municipal agents for the State of New Hampshire, Department of Motor Vehicles. We are now able to renew motor vehicle registrations right in our office. As time progresses and we go through our "probation" period, we will be able to do transfer registrations and eventually issue plates for new registrations. We are very excited about this, as we have waited quite some time to get this accomplished.

Please remember that we are here to serve you, so if there's something we can do to help let us know.

Carol Curless and Marjorie Friel

Report of the Town Treasurer

Year Ending December 31, 1996

RECEIVED FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

Property Tax 1995	250,902.04	
Property Tax 1996	2,217,940.02	
		2,468,842.06
Land Use Change Tax		1,480.00
Yield Taxes 1996	5,968.29	
Yield Taxes 1995	20,340.26	
Yield Taxes, Prior	830.45	
		27,139.00
Power Profit Assessment 1995		1,049.30
Interest on Taxes 1996	3,638.88	
Interest on Taxes 1995	16,559.12	
Interest on Taxes, Prior	251.31	
		20,449.31
Costs and Penalties 1996	15.00	
Costs and Penalties 1995	4,030.50	
Costs and Penalties, Prior	8.21	
		4,053.71
Tax Liens 1995	161,245.10	
Tax Liens, Prior	1,051.27	
		162,296.37
Tax Sale Redeemed 1996	72,504.00	
Tax Sale Redeemed 1995	79,526.03	
Tax Sale Redeemed, Prior	95,047.09	
		247,077.12
Interest and Costs 1995	4,396.29	
Interest and Costs 1994	13,778.57	
Interest and Costs, Prior	30,784.66	
		48,959.52

RECEIVED FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Motor Vehicle Permits	143,433.20
Motor Vehicle Titles	482.00
Dog Licenses and Penalties	1,400.00
Vital Statistics	619.00
UCC'S	494.96
Service Charges	15.00
Clerk Filing Fees	233.50

146,677.66

INTER GOVERNMENTAL REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Shared Revenue Block Grant	68,937.05
Highway Block Grant	70,733.90
Forest Land Reimbursement	38.44
Other State Grants	415.84
FEMA # 1077	99,960.00
FEMA # 1144	7,575.00

247,660.23

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Police Department	3,892.78
Recycling Facility	6,607.93

10,500.71

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

Municipal Property Sold	4,502.00
Cemetery Lots	210.00
Town History	272.50
Town Ordinances	240.00
Building Permits	1,940.00
Insurance Dividends and Refunds	31,460.46
Reimbursements for Damages	1,000.00
Cable Franchise	2,039.91
Administrative Fee	30.81
Business Licenses	25.00
Pistol Permits	120.00
Town Office	512.78
Planning Board	3,494.34
ZBA	1,071.92
Miscellaneous	200.48

47,120.20

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS		
Now Account		22,170.65
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		
Tax Anticipation Notes	950,000.00	
Income From Trust Funds	2,897.07	
		952,897.07
Refunds		5,603.86
RECEIPTS, 1996		4,413,976.77
Beginning Balance		321,222.26
		4,735,199.03
Less Disbursements		4,076,566.04
Bank Charge, Deposit Tickets		22.15
ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1996		658,610.84

Town of Sutton Holds No Bonded Debts As of December 31, 1996

Note: The Financial Statements presented for 1996 have been audited by The Mercier Group (Town auditors). The actual 1996 audit is available for review at Town Hall as of March 1, 1997.

Treasurer's Report for the Conservation Commission Fund Year Ending December 31, 1996

Balance as of 12/31/95	\$2,994.32
Income from Appropriations	1,029.80
Income from Interest	96.32
Balance as of 12/31/96	\$4,120.44

Report of The Trust Funds of The City or Town of Sutton, NH on December 31, 1996

Summary (Page 1 Of 2)

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND List first three trusts invested in a common trust fund	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED Where bank deposits, stocks, bonds, etc. (If common trust, so state)	PRINCIPAL					INCOME DURING YEAR				Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year	
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	INCOME DURING YEAR		Expended During Year		Balance End Year
										Percent	Amount			
VARIOUS	126 CEMETERY TRUSTS	PERPETUAL CARE	BANK DEPOSITS (COMMON TRUST)	29,775.81				29,775.81	1,393.85		1,579.17	1,434.16	1,538.41	31,314.22
1966	CEMETERY GENERAL TRUST	PERPETUAL CARE	BANK DEPOSITS	11,735.00	350.00			12,085.00	181.49		612.26	565.39	228.36	12,313.36
	TOTAL	CEMETERY TRUSTS		41,510.81	350.00			41,860.81	1,575.34		2,191.43	2,000.00	1,766.77	43,627.58
	LIBRARY TRUSTS													
1916	ORIN NELSON	LIBRARY	BANK DEPOSITS	1,000.00				1,000.00			57.91	57.91		1,000.00
1918	JOHN PRESSEY	"	"	1,000.00				1,000.00			52.91	52.91		1,000.00
1943	LEWIS RICHARDS	"	"	300.00				300.00			17.36	17.36		300.00
1967	DOUGLAS ANDERSON	"	"	1,000.00				1,000.00			57.91	57.91		1,000.00
1971	GRACE P. NELSON	"	"	48,560.10				48,560.10			2,811.96	2,811.96		48,560.10
1988	FANNIE B. WADLEIGH	LIBRARY BOOKS	"	4,168.21				4,168.21	213.99		109.56		323.55	4,491.76
1988	ADA P. ANDERSON	LIBRARY	"	3,000.00				3,000.00	112.09		178.84	187.91	103.02	3,103.02
	TOTAL	LIBRARY TRUSTS		59,028.31				59,028.31	326.08		3,291.45	3,190.46	426.57	59,454.88
	OTHER TRUSTS													
1909	MARY EATON	SCHOOLS	BANK DEPOSITS	150.00				150.00	183.91		19.57		203.48	353.48
1916	ORIN NELSON	WORTHY POOR	"	1,085.00				1,085.00	739.67		106.93		846.60	1,931.60
1930	JOHN EATON	SCHOOLS	"	500.00				500.00	727.32		71.92		799.24	1,299.24
1944	FRED E. NELSON	TOWN FUND	"	2,500.00				2,500.00	1,385.82		227.71		1,613.53	4,113.53
1944	FRED E. NELSON	TOWN: CHURCHES	"	5,000.00				5,000.00	2,818.10		449.35	263.00	3,004.45	8,004.45
1966	HELENA M. WELLS	OLD STONE MUSEUM	"	10,118.25				10,118.25	2,909.57		743.39	600.00	3,052.96	13,171.24
	TOTAL	OTHER TRUSTS		19,253.25				19,353.25	8,764.39		1,618.87	863.00	9,520.26	28,873.51
	TOTALS THIS PAGE			119,892.37	350.00			120,242.37	10,665.81		7,101.75	6,053.96	11,713.60	131,955.97

Summary (Page 2 Of 2)

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND <small>Last first those trusts invested in a common trust fund</small>	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED <small>Where deposited Stocks, bonds, etc. in Common Trust Funds</small>	PRINCIPAL				INCOME DURING YEAR			Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year	
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	INCOME DURING YEAR				
									Percent	Amount			
EXPENDABLE TRUSTS													
1989	FA.S.T. SQUAD	RESCUE SQUAD	BANK DEPOSITS	4,679.81				4,679.81	231.24		149.79	381.03	5,060.84
1990	SUTTON FIRE DEPT.	FIRE DEPT.	"	20,540.73				20,540.73	2,969.95		1,242.14	4,212.09	24,752.82
1994	FOREST FIRE SALARIES	SALARIES	"	421.70	1,000.00		17.59	1,404.11	6.74		12.78	3.04	1,407.15
1994	ACCURVED BENEFITS	ACCURVED BENEFITS	"	3,060.00	500.00			3,560.00	112.69		96.23	208.92	3,768.92
	TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUSTS			28,702.24	1,500.00		17.59	30,184.65	3,320.62		1,500.94	4,805.08	34,989.73
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS													
1959	CAPITAL RESERVE	TOWN BRIDGES	MUNICIPAL DEPOSIT INVESTMENT PROG.	20,390.72	1,500.00			21,890.72	1,952.75		1,101.36	3,054.11	24,944.83
1980	"	FOREST-FIRE EQUIP.	"	917.13	250.00			1,167.13	59.15		49.40	108.55	1,275.68
1982	"	INCINERATOR	"	44,475.14	10,000.00			54,475.14	3,317.10		2,412.87	5,729.97	60,205.11
1988	"	CEMETERIES	"	4,759.67				4,759.67	787.83		270.33	1,058.16	5,817.83
1988	"	LEGAL FEES	"	6,722.17				6,722.17	1,195.08		385.80	1,580.88	8,303.05
1993	"	HIGHWAY DEPT. EQUIPMENT	"	30,000.00	10,000.00			40,000.00	1,528.29		1,620.53	3,149.82	43,149.82
1995	"	FIRE DEPT. EQUIPMENT	"	15,000.00	15,000.00			30,000.00	1,591.71		864.94	1,024.65	31,024.65
1996	"	POLICE CRUISER	"		9,000.00			9,000.00			75.71	75.71	9,075.71
1996	"	REVALUATION	"		10,000.00			10,000.00			84.16	84.16	10,084.16
1996	"	RECYCLING FACIL.	"		10,000.00			10,000.00			84.16	84.16	10,084.16
1996	"	AMBULANCE, WISE FUND, BONES	"		2,000.00			2,000.00			16.89	16.89	2,016.89
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			122,244.83	67,750.00			190,014.83	9,000.91		6,966.15	15,967.06	205,981.89
TOTALS, ALL FUNDS AT DEC. 31, 1996				270,859.44	69,600.00		17.59	340,441.85	22,987.34		15,568.84	32,485.74	377,927.59

Treasurer's Report of Escrow Accounts (for road bond) Year Ending December 31, 1996

Depositor	Date Established	Purpose	Type of Deposit	Bank/Ins. Company	Account/ Policy Number	Balance Beginning	——Additions——			Deductions	Balance Ending
							Deposits Received	Interest Credited			
Andrew Supplee	30695	Performance bond	Cash	Citizens	150002339626	1,021.68		4.39		(1,026.07)	0.00
Daniel Grace	22294	Performance bond	Cash	Citizens	3340-662279	523.29		7.87		(531.16)	0.00
R Lemire & Sons	70196	Performance bond	Cash	Citizens	3341-289415	0.00	3,000.00			(1,000.00)	2,000.00
Freeport Development Inc.	33195	Performance bond	Cash	Citizens	3340-801945	1,528.96		39.92			1,568.88
Barry Bush	52094	Performance bond	Cash	Citizens	150001847602	3,129.82		5.86		(3,135.68)	0.00
Walter & Christina Buckwold	120595	Performance bond	Cash	Citizens	150000000000	2,000.00		36.63		(2,036.63)	0.00
ITF Alan & Lee Wagner	UKN.	Performance bond	Cash	Citizens	3350-283810		1,000.00				1,000.00
T&E Forest Products	90396	Performance bond	Cash	Citizens	3342-431495	0.00	3,005.70	12.92		(3,018.62)	0.00
						8,203.75	7,005.70	107.59		(10,748.16)	4,568.88

1996 Town of Sutton Expenditure Statement

4130	Executive Office	\$70,982.03
	Selectmen Salaries	6,300.00
	Administrative Asst. Salary	23,614.53
	Secretary Wages	12,579.25
	Health Insurance	6,781.33
	Telephone	1,005.84
	Other Professional Services	10,306.21
	Equipment Maintenance	2,088.36
	Data East	34.52
	Printing Costs	4,592.67
	Advertising	46.53
	Dues/Conf./Publications	1,478.50
	Office Supplies	831.35
	Postage and Envelopes	1,005.42
	Mileage Reimbursement	69.30
	Office Equipment	248.22
4140	Election and Registration	\$3,650.01
	Supervisors Wages	1,275.56
	Ballot Clerks Wages	562.67
	Advertising	127.14
	Supplies	1,684.64
4150	Financial Administration	\$2,717.06
	Tax Collector/Tn Clerk Salary	23,614.53
	Dpty. Tx Coll./Tn Clerk Wages	2,784.31
	Deputy Treasurer Salary	100.00
	Treasurer Salary	5,000.00
	Budget Committee	626.05
	Health Insurance	5,544.96
	Auditing Services	4,800.00
	Recording Fees	680.32
	Telephone	469.27
	Mortgage Research	2,189.00
	Equipment Maintenance	412.50
	Printing	108.52
	Dues/Conf./Publications	1,177.70
	Office Supplies	1,541.09
	Postage and Envelopes	2,422.01
	Mileage Reimbursement	886.80
	Capital Outlay	360.00

4152	Revaluation of Property	\$5,950.00
	Appraisal Services	5,950.00
4153	Judicial and Legal Expenses	16,208.31
	Expenses and Services	15,942.31
	Claims/Deductions	266.00
4155	Personnel Administration	\$30,812.27
	Group Ins. — Life/D/S-L	3,174.15
	Group Ins. — Dental	1,848.84
	FICA	15,900.78
	Medicare	4,575.06
	Police Retirement Contrib.	1,601.30
	Highway Retirement Contrib.	3,712.14
4191	Planning Board	\$2,920.94
	Secretarial Services	1,186.87
	CIP Secretarial Services	-0-
	Recording Fees	284.56
	Telephone	8.29
	Printing	-0-
	Advertising	203.25
	Dues/Conf./Publications	211.21
	Photocopying/Services	425.44
	Office Supplies	170.96
	Postage	349.66
	Mileage Reimbursement	80.70
4192	Zoning Board	\$2,178.33
	Secretarial Services	1,274.27
	Recording Fees	123.20
	Telephone	15.01
	Advertising	241.90
	Dues/Conf./Publications	45.00
	Photocopying/Services	43.44
	Office Supplies	131.25
	Postage	251.96
	Mileage Reimbursement	52.30
	Books and Periodicals	-0-
4194	General Government Buildings	\$11,935.89
	Custodial Wages	3,124.05
	Electricity	1,461.29
	Heating Fuel	1,889.57
	LP Gas	120.34
	Repairs and Maintenance	4,144.52
	Supplies	1,196.12

4195	Cemeteries	\$7,425.00
	Services	7,425.00
4196	Insurance	\$48,726.06
	Unemployment Ins.	1,261.06
	Workers Compensation	23,882.00
	Property/Liability	23,583.00
4197	Ads and Regional Associations	\$1,325.00
	CNH Reg. Planning Assoc. Dues	1,325.00
4210	Police Department	\$98,390.32
	Full-Time Wages	24,482.40
	Part-Time Wages	6,918.10
	Special Duty Wages	1,971.00
	On-Call Wages	2,355.62
	Overtime Wages	1,715.31
	Police Chief Salary	29,040.75
	Health Insurance	11,089.92
	Court Representation	500.00
	Court Witness Fees	-0-
	Dispatch Services	5,520.00
	Telephone	2,964.79
	Computer Services	334.93
	Animal Control Expenses	-0-
	Dues/Conf./Publications	806.19
	Training Supplies	1,907.96
	Office Supplies	695.62
	Investigative Supplies	1,450.72
	Cruiser Fuel	2,973.69
	Cruiser Repair/Maintenance	2,005.60
	Uniforms	1,657.72
4215	Ambulance	\$2,500.00
	Sutton Rescue Squad	700.00
	Bradford Rescue Squad	1,000.00
	New London Ambulance	800.00
4220	Fire Department	\$19,063.74
	LP Gas	69.83
	Telephone	2,154.82
	Electricity	1,570.80
	Heating Fuel	1,184.28
	Building Maintenance	459.09
	Equipment Fuel	372.57
	Vehicle Repairs/Maintenance	5,371.71
	Training Supplies/Equipment	4,071.18
	Equipment	468.00
	Radios	3,341.46

4240	Building Inspection	\$1,000.00
	Bldg. Inspection Services	1,000.00
4290	Emergency Management	\$90.40
	Emer. Mgmt. Expenses	90.40
4312	Highway Department	\$261,584.31
	Wages	94,479.80
	Overtime Wages	15,375.36
	Health Insurance	18,600.30
	Telephone	855.43
	Other Professional Services	7,801.72
	Radio Repairs/Purch/Lease	1,666.30
	Electricity	1,168.38
	Heating Oil	1,480.29
	LP Gas	87.74
	Bldg. Repairs/Maintenance	1,362.97
	Dues/Conf./Publications	1,187.75
	Equipment Rental	6,367.95
	Postage and Freight	69.85
	Mileage Reimbursement	755.75
	Vehicle Fuel	10,439.80
	Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	16,888.26
	Oil and Filters	1,359.75
	Tires	4,300.17
	Materials and Supplies	4,494.03
	Cutting Edges	1,995.16
	Equipment Maintenance	6,857.29
	Chains	585.25
	Culverts	3,936.33
	Hand Tools	1,072.60
	Shop Equipment	3,595.68
	Sand and Salt	25,224.20
	Gravel	19,573.78
	Asphalt Products	5,757.90
	Signs	1,244.52
4316	Street Lighting	\$6,982.56
	Street Lighting Expenses	6,982.56
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$65,217.92
	Wages	31,176.54
	Health Insurance	941.27
	Telephone	303.40
	Electricity	2,245.40
	Heating Oil	2,292.30
	Dues/Conf./Publications	151.04
	Maintenance/Supplies	2,630.82

	Safety Equipment	184.80	
	Operator Certification	50.00	
	Repairs	1,266.85	
	Lagoon Maintenance	-0-	
	Demo Dumpster/Tipping Fee	19,098.90	
	Scrap Metal	-0-	
	Newspaper Containers	1,025.00	
	Hazardous Waste	569.00	
	Cardboard Dumpster	1,816.00	
	Steel Cans	1,000.00	
	Freon Recycling	186.00	
	Oil Filter Recycling	280.00	
	Household Batteries	-0-	
4325	Solid Waste Committee		\$2,519.16
	Water Testing	1,470.00	
	Ash Testing	-0-	
	Misc. Expenses	1,049.16	
4411	Health Administration		\$522.19
	Innoculations	426.50	
	Misc. Expenses	95.69	
4415	Health Agencies/Hospitals		\$3,409.33
	Lake Sunapee Reg. VNA	3,409.33	
4442	Direct Assistance		\$2,446.94
	Misc. Direct Assistance	2,446.94	
4443	Welfare Administration		\$4,009.00
	Services	1,200.00	
	Community Action Program	2,809.00	
4520	Culture and Recreation		\$6,163.00
	South Sutton Common	300.00	
	Sutton Early Learning Ctr.	5,000.00	
	Churches	263.00	
	Old Store Museum	600.00	
4550	Library		\$8,970.21
	Salaries	4,936.21	
	Appropriation	4,034.00	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		\$362.50
	Pat. Purposes Expenses	362.50	

4611	Conservation Administration	\$1,400.00
	Secretarial Services	390.83
	Dues/Conf./Publications	189.00
	Expenses	797.57
	Supplies	22.60
4723 &	Debt Service	\$12,460.55
4724	Interest on TAN	12,350.00
	Interest on Abatements	110.55
4914	Capital Reserve Funds	\$67,750.00
	Police Cruiser	9,000.00
	Hwy. Equip./Trucks	10,000.00
	Town Bridges	1,500.00
	Incinerator Replacement	10,000.00
	Forest Fire Equipment	250.00
	Fire Equipment Replacement	15,000.00
	Ambulance	2,000.00
	Property Revaluation	10,000.00
	Incinerator Recyc. Bldg. and Equip.	10,000.00
4916	Expendable Town Trust Fund	\$1,534.07
	Accrued Benefit Fund	500.00
	Forest Fire Salaries	1,000.00
	Exp. Reimbursed from CRF	34.07
4992,	1996 Warrant Articles	\$285,186.30
4994 &	Street Signs	935.00
4996	E911 Mapping Project	-0-
	Incinerator Re-Lining	17,795.00
	Incinerator Repairs	650.00
	Cotton Road Bridge	6,000.00
	Rescue Defib. Machine	2,500.00
	Fire Safety Equip. Upgrade	4,949.36
	Fire Roof and Repairs	8,400.00
	Fire and Hwy Alarm Systems	4,928.86
	Road Upgrade	82,149.63
	Hominy Pot Bridge	33,096.00
	Grader Lease/Purch.	22,046.01
	Grader Wing	9,525.00
	Flood Damages and Repairs — 1995	
	Wages	17,385.00
	Expenses	75,441.44
	Services	320.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$1,107,328.40

Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues Year Ending December 31, 1996

	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues	Over(Under) Budget
TAXES			
Property Taxes	\$2,867,096.89	\$2,867,096.89	—
Land Use Change Tax	—	1,110.00	1,110.00
Yield Tax	19,000.00	28,190.27	9,190.27
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,049.00	1,049.30	.30
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	68,500.00	73,536.33	5,036.33
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Business Licenses/Permits	25.00	25.00	—
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	140,600.00	143,369.20	2,769.20
Building Permits	1,400.00	1,940.00	540.00
Other Licenses/Permits/Fees	2,500.00	3,115.96	615.96
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			
Other/F.E.M.A.	131,250.00	99,960.00	(31,290.00)
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenue	18,753.00	40,709.81	21,956.81
Highway Block Grant	70,734.00	70,733.90	(.10)
State Forest Land	38.00	38.44	.44
Gas Tax Reimbursement	416.00	415.84	(.16)
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	20,000.00	15,813.25	(4,186.75)
Other/Bank Charges	45.00	75.00	30.00
MISC. REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Property	7,000.00	5,224.50	(1,775.50)
Interest on Investments	19,000.00	22,170.65	3,170.65
Other/Cable, Ins. Div. & Reimb.	35,000.00	34,731.66	(268.34)
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
Capital Reserve Fund	2,500.00	—	(2,500.00)
Trust Funds	3,125.00	2,897.07	(227.93)
Fund Bal. Voted from Surplus	3,500.00	935.00	(2,565.00)
Bal. Used to Reduce Taxes	45,000.00	45,000.00	—
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,456,531.89	\$3,458,138.07	\$1,606.18

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures for Year Ending December 31, 1996

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance
General Government			
4130 Executive	70,926.00	70,982.03	-56.03
4140 Elections and Registrations	3,650.00	3,650.01	-.01
4150 Financial Administration	55,239.00	52,717.06	2,521.94
4152 Revaluation of Property	5,000.00	5,950.00	-950.00
4153 Legal Expenses	15,000.00	16,208.31	-1,208.31
4155 Personnel Administration	32,104.00	30,812.27	1,291.73
4191 Planning Board	3,600.00	2,920.94	679.06
4192 Zoning Board	1,500.00	2,178.33	-678.33
4194 General Government Buildings	13,010.00	11,935.89	1,074.11
4195 Cemeteries	7,500.00	7,425.00	75.00
4196 Insurance	50,486.00	48,726.06	1,759.94
4197 Regional Association	1,325.00	1,325.00	-0-
Public Safety			
4210 Police Department	102,933.00	98,390.32	4,542.68
4215 Ambulance	2,500.00	2,500.00	-0-
4220 Fire Department	19,400.00	19,063.74	336.26
4240 Building Inspection	1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-
4290 Emergency Management	300.00	90.40	209.60
Highway and Streets			
4312 Highway Department	264,608.00	261,584.31	3,023.69
4316 Street Lighting	7,187.00	6,982.56	204.44
Sanitation			
4324 Solid Waste Disposal Facility	64,115.00	65,217.92	-1,102.92
4325 Solid Waste Committee	2,250.00	2,519.16	-269.16
Health			
4411 Health Administration	1,600.00	522.19	1,077.81
4415 Health Agencies	5,114.00	3,409.33	1,704.67

Welfare

4442 Direct Assistance	6,000.00	2,446.94	3,553.06
4443 Welfare Administration/C.A.P.	4,009.00	4,009.00	-0-

Culture and Recreation

4520 Churches, Commons, Museums and Pre-K	6,163.00	6,163.00	-0-
4550 Library	9,000.00	8,970.21	29.79
4583 Patriotic Purposes	425.00	362.50	62.50

Conservation

4611 Administration	1,400.00	1,400.00	-0-
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Debt Service

4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	30,000.00	12,350.00	17,650.00
4724 Interest on Abatements	300.00	110.55	189.45

Capital Reserve Funds

Police Cruiser	9,000.00	9,000.00	-0-
Highway Equipment/Trucks	10,000.00	10,000.00	-0-
Town Bridges	1,500.00	1,500.00	-0-
Incinerator Replacement	10,000.00	10,000.00	-0-
Forest Fire Equipment	250.00	250.00	-0-
Fire Equipment Replacement	15,000.00	15,000.00	-0-
Ambulance	2,000.00	2,000.00	-0-
Property Revaluation	10,000.00	10,000.00	-0-
Incinerator Recycling Building and Equipment	10,000.00	10,000.00	-0-

Expendable Town Trust Fund

Accrued Benefit Fund	500.00	500.00	-0-
Forest Fire Salaries	1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-
Expenses Reimbursed from C.R.F.	-0-	34.07	-34.07

Moneys Encumbered

1995 Grader Overhaul	2,479.00	-0-	2,479.00
1995 Grist Mill Bridge	60,000.00	-0-	60,000.00

Moneys Appropriated from Surplus

Street Signs	1,500.00	935.00	565.00
E911 Mapping	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00

Moneys Appropriated from Capital Reserve Fund

Millswood Cemetery Upgrade	2,500.00	-0-	2,500.00
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Special Warrant Articles

1996 Incinerator Re-lining	17,795.00	17,795.00	-0-
1996 Incinerator Repairs	5,000.00	650.00	4,350.00
1996 Cotton Road Bridge	6,000.00	6,000.00	-0-
1996 Rescue Defib. Machine	2,500.00	2,500.00	-0-
1996 Fire Safety Equipment Upgrade	5,000.00	4,949.36	50.64
1996 Fire Roof and Repairs	8,400.00	8,400.00	-0-
1996 Fire and Highway Alarm Systems	5,411.00	4,928.86	482.14
1996 Road Upgrade	100,000.00	82,149.63	17,850.37
1996 Hominy Pot Bridge	34,500.00	33,096.00	1,404.00
1996 Grader Lease/Purchase	23,681.00	22,046.01	1,634.99
1996 Grader Wing	15,000.00	9,525.00	5,475.00
1996 Flood Damage and Repairs - 1995	150,000.00	93,146.44	56,853.56
Grand Total	1,298,660.00	1,107,328.40	191,331.60



Sutton's new 1996 Caterpillar 120H Motor Grader with wing.
(Photo courtesy of Don Sharp)

Inventory

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Map/Lot	Location	Value
2-895,218	Old Sutton Road (old gravel pit)	\$2,200
4-246,386	Old Store Museum and Land	34,300
4-262,377	Soldiers Monument on Common.....	7,900
4-313,462	N/S Route 114 (ash disposal area)	46,200
4-387,478	Incinerator and Land	147,700
5-821,512	Settlers Fireplace	6,600
6-341,143	Highway Garage and Land	196,150
6-403,240	Library and Land	147,800
6-428,236	Pillsbury Memorial Hall and Land	322,000
6-513,305	Chalk Pond Road	13,800
6-544,342	Chalk Pond Road	7,900
7-912,283	Fire Station/North Road and Land.....	206,600
7-913,302	Bullard Land/North Road	7,400
9-284,237	Charles Avenue/R-O-W	N.A.V.*
9-906,090	W/S Route 114 adj. to I-89	3,400
9-935,453	Crockett Circle	6,400
TOTAL TOWN PROPERTY		\$1,156,350

KEARSARGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

5-402,352	Kearsarge Regional High School and Land.....	\$149,700
5-505,365	Kearsarge Regional High School and Land.....	5,742,700
6-472,183	Sutton Elementary School and Land	684,250
TOTAL SCHOOL PROPERTY		\$6,576,650

CONSERVATION LAND

1-113,554	North Road and I-89.....	\$2,410
3-126,029	North Road	9,900
4-070,198	off Eaton Grange Road	3,100
6-038,545	W/S Route 114	16,900
6-068,565	Corporation Hill Road	80,300
8-018,336	Kezar Lake/Shore.....	N.A.V.*
8-018,340	Keyser Street.....	126,750
TOTAL CONSERVATION PROPERTY		\$239,360

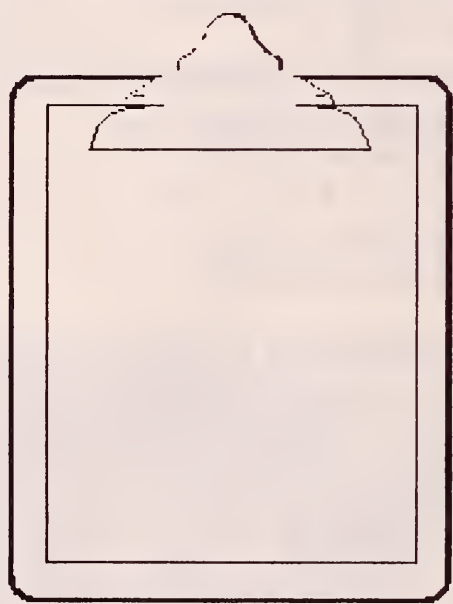
PROPERTY ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX DEED

1-040,279	off East Sutton Road.....	\$2,000
1-050,145	off Eaton Grange Road	3,300
3-293,290	Saddleback Road	4,300
TOTAL ACQUIRED PROPERTY		\$9,600

CEMETERIES

1-162,131	Sutton Lane	N.A.V.*
3-277,473	Gore Road.....	N.A.V.*
4-124,402	Meeting House	N.A.V.*
4-358,511	Millswood, Route 114	N.A.V.*
6-365,163	near Union Church, Sutton Mills	N.A.V.*
7-203,396	Mastin, Baker Road.....	N.A.V.*
7-939,404	North Sutton/Route 114	N.A.V.*

*Reflects parcels with "no accessed value"



Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Tax Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended: 12/31/96

TOWN OF SUTTON	Levies of		
	1996	1995	Prior
Uncollected Taxes –			
Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes		412,132.77	
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			1,881.72
Power Profit Assessment		501.70	
Taxes Committed to Collector			
During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	2,513,212.00		
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax	1,480.00		
Yield Taxes	6,065.27	23,400.47	
Power Profit Assessment		547.60	
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes			
Resident Taxes			
Overpayments:			
Property Taxes	1,152.79	194.37	
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			
Power Profit Assessment			
Interest Collected on			
Delinquent Taxes	3,638.88	16,559.12	251.31
Penalties Collected on			
Property Taxes	15.00	4,028.50	8.21
Resident Taxes			
Other Taxes		2.00	
Total Debits	2,525,563.94	457,366.53	2,141.24

Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Tax Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended: 12/31/96

TOWN OF SUTTON	Levies of 1996	1995	Prior
Remitted to Treasurer – During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	2,217,940.02	250,902.04	
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax	1,480.00		
Yield Taxes	5,968.29	20,340.26	830.45
Power Profit Assessment		1,049.30	
 Interest on Taxes	 3,638.88	 16,559.12	 251.31
 Cost/Penalties	 15.00	 4,030.50	 8.21
Discount Allowed:			
Abatements Allowed:			
Property Taxes	4,089.00	180.00	
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			
Power Profit Assessment			
 Tax Lien Executed During Year:		161,245.10	1,051.27
 Deeded to Town During Year:	59.00		
Uncollected Taxes – End of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	292,276.77		
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes	96.98	3,060.21	
Power Profit Assessment			
 Total Credits	 2,525,563.94	 457,366.53	 2,141.24

Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended: 12/31/96

TOWN OF SUTTON	Levies of 1996	1995	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes – Beginning of Fiscal Year:		147,251.63	120,722.59
Tax Liens Executed to Town During Fiscal Year:	174,677.96		
Subsequent Taxes Paid:			
Over Payments:			15.44
Interest Collected After Lien Execution:	3,435.95	11,998.78	26,607.53
Collected Redemption Costs:	960.34	1,779.79	4,177.13
Total Debits:	179,074.25	161,030.20	151,522.69
Remittance to Treasurer – During Fiscal Year:			
Redemptions	72,504.00	79,526.03	95,047.09
Interest and Costs (After Lien Execution)	4,396.29	13,778.57	30,784.66
Abatement of Unredeemed Taxes:	79.12	738.21	646.92
Deeded to Twon During Year: (Taxes, Interest & Costs)	166.81	155.84	1,231.44
Unredeemed Taxes – End of Fiscal Year:	101,928.03	66,831.55	23,812.58
Total Credits	179,074.25	161,030.20	151,522.69

Report of the Budget Committee

The Sutton Budget Committee meets to review departmental budget requests on Thursday evenings at 7 PM beginning on the last Thursday in October and concluding on the third Thursday in January. This year the Public Hearing on the budget was held on February 6. Residents will vote on the Budget Committee's budget proposal at Town Meeting on March 12.

The Committee has made some effort and will continue to make effort in the future to obtain coverage of the budget process in the *InterTown Record*. That notwithstanding, residents are urged to attend any Budget Committee meetings during the course of the year and are strongly urged to attend the Public Hearing on the budget always scheduled in February.

Committee members review in painstaking detail each departmental budget request, weighing the benefit of a given line item against the impact that item will have on taxes. This year, in the process of reviewing budgets, Committee members have not only kept an eye on projected expenditures but have also looked for some means of generating income within the departments.

The Budget Committee's schedule of meetings is developed and posted by the end of October. This fall, please check the schedule on any bulletin board in Town and plan to attend some meetings. If you'd like a copy of the schedule for yourself, contact a Budget Committee member or the secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Curless, Chairman

Norm Forand

Charlotte Goldthwaite

Courtney Haase (Ex-officio)

Dick Reilein

Marjorie Friel

Roger Lamson

Sarah Denz, Secretary

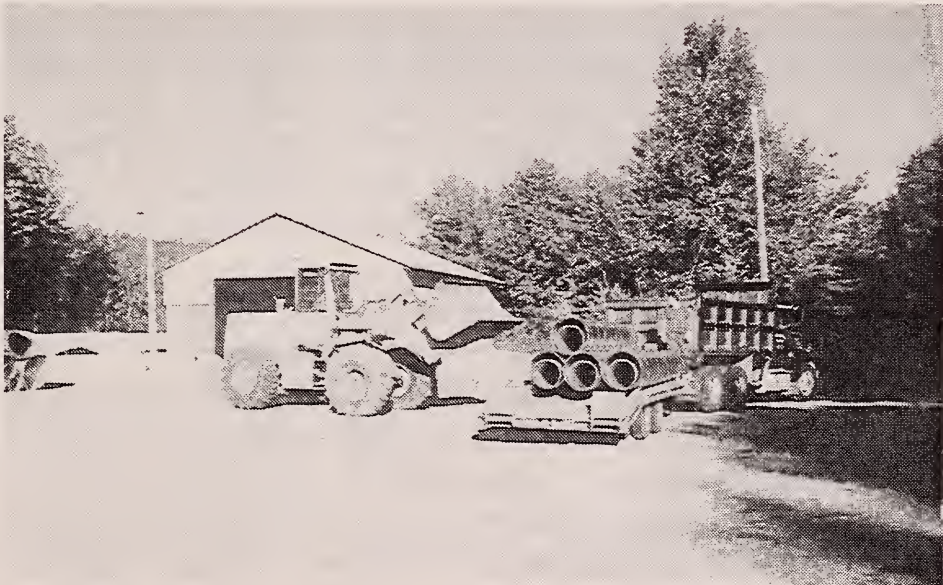
Report of the Road Agent and Highway Department

The year 1996 was an extremely busy one for the Highway Department. The after effects of torrential rains of the fall and winter of 1995 carried us far into mid-summer to repair damages. Fortunately, we were granted FEMA funds which were a great aid to our regular Highway Department budget. Much of this work was subcontracted out, such as the rebuilding of King Hill Road.

Extensive upgrade projects included Newbury Road, Wadleigh Hill and Corporation Hill. Road upgrade of approximately 4500 feet of Newbury Road was accomplished by removing large boulders with an excavator and adding 4" of processed gravel with existing old pavement which was ground with a reclamation machine. After this was completed, 2" of binder asphalt was layed down, and new gravel shoulders were added. We have intentions of reclaiming an additional half mile by the same procedure in 1997. Wadleigh Hill and Corporation Hill received intensive upgrade renovations by blasting of large boulders and ledge which were removed with an excavator, and then adding drainage and gravel.

In addition to regular paving, a large amount of patching with hot asphalt was performed on bad sections of pavement on Newbury and Chalk Pond Roads.

Heavy ditching and additional drainage occurred on Baker Hill Road, Chalk Pond Road, Birch Hill Road, Eaton Grange Road and Stonehouse Road.



Preparations for culvert work by the Highway Department
(Photo courtesy of Janice O'Connell)

Removal and replacement of the large culverts on Hominy Pot Road and replacement of the wooden bridge on Cotton Road were accomplished by subcontractors.

All roadside mowing was completed throughout the entire town.

The new Caterpillar road grader was delivered in July and is a valued asset to the Highway Department due to its many capabilities.

An addition to the present Highway Garage will be requested for the year 1997. Additional office space and an environmentally safe area for food consumption is necessary. This, in turn, will create an additional work bay and provide year round housing for the new road grader.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and all Town departments and committees for their cooperation. Further, I extend my appreciation to all subcontractors, vendors, FEMA crew members, and to the residents of Sutton, for your understanding and support. To the full time and seasonal part-time Highway Department, a special thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Sharp
Road Agent

Report of the Road Committee

The Road Committee was re-activated this year at the request of the Selectmen. The specific items that the committee was asked to review were: driveway accesses onto Town roads, road weight limits, "red listed" Town Bridges, review of 1996 targeted road projects and projects for consideration for 1997. The committee had a good nucleus; two members are retired NH DOT maintenance supervisors, two are practicing civil engineers, a Selectmen and a Planning Board representative, and the Road Agent. The first meeting was 16 May, and the committee met monthly until 7 November.

The driveway access concern was addressed by creating, reviewing and revising a form identified as "Driveway & Temporary Access – Application and Permit". Although the application went through several revisions, a primary attempt was made to keep it simple, but cover the major concerns of access safety and drainage onto the Town roads. The one page form serves as application and approval. The form covers access location, safe sight distance, grade line, drainage, and culvert size and position.

The issue of road weight limits was discussed, and the difficulty in policing and enforcing a weight limit regulation. Current procedure is to post certain roads during “mud season,” and require that logging operations on some roads post a bond for possible damage repair. It was this committee’s decision to allow the current procedure to stand, and not require addition regulation.

The few “red listed” bridges were reviewed. These are the bridge on Cotton Road and the twin culverts on Hominy Pot Road. It was noted that repairs were either underway or completed, with methods this committee was in agreement with. Additional bridges that will need close inspection and probable repair are: East Sutton Road over Stevens Brook, Baker Road at Cascade Brook, Roby Road, and the west end of Main Street.

The Road work priorities were reviewed as submitted by the Road Agent. These are completion of Newbury Road, Chalk Pond Road, and a section of Baker Hill Road (near Chalk Pond Road). Then Roby Road, Johnson Hill Road, Eaton Grange Road (west) and North Road. The committee supports this priority schedule.

The Committee discussed the Road Conditions Report, dated September 1992. The report was based on the Road Surface Management System (RSMS), a computer database which was created by measurements and visual inspection. This is a very valuable inventory, maintenance, and planning tool. Unfortunately, after the original engineering study was prepared and all the Town road data entered into the program, the system has been little used. The committee recommends the Town update, and actively use, this resource.

The committee reviewed the Scenic Road status, and the trend to have more roads receive this classification. Although the group recognizes the reasons for having certain roads acquire this classification, we caution the Town not to move too hastily. Some of the roads are in strong need of improvements, primarily drainage and width. After being classed as scenic road, it is very difficult to address these deficiencies.

Douglas Sweet, Chair
Peter Blakeman
Naia Conrad (part of year)
Stanley LeBrun (Ex-Officio)
Alexander McKinnon
Carol Rowe (part of year)
Don Sharp, Road Agent
Pete Thompson

Report of the Police Department

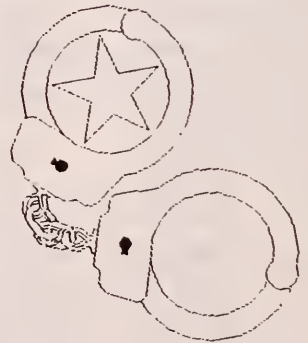
The Sutton Police Department has had a fairly active year. While the number of calls for service has declined by 232 from the previous year, we are finding that the investigations for other calls are taking more of our time to take to completion/prosecution. I would like to believe that the presence of the car on the road has helped this decline. We try to accommodate citizens' requests for more patrol in certain areas but are limited in the amount of manpower we have. We are still a small department and still have to rely on the state police for some coverage, although this is kept to a minimum.

The year produced a couple of very large investigations and the department is still involved in a never ending battle against domestic violence. This type of crime affects all of us in the community and should not be taken lightly.

We hired a new part time officer—Edward Andersen. He came to us already certified through New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council and holds an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. Our staff continues to be dedicated and professional in law enforcement. As a side note, all members of the Sutton Police Department currently hold some type of college degree. I believe this is an indicator of our professional commitment to the Sutton community.

One area that I have become very involved in is bringing drug education and drug awareness to the area communities. I am currently involved in the Kearsarge Safe Schools Advisory Council. We meet once a month and have open public meetings various times throughout the year. We brought Steve McAndrews in as a guest speaker. Steve is a certified Federal Drug Recognition Expert and has graciously given of his time to give the school teachers of our community drug training. Steve is a resident of Sutton Mills, having retired from the Long Beach, California Police Department.

I would like to thank the community for the support you provide and to Officers Lambert, Nelson, Buteau, and Andersen for their work during the 1996 year. Thanks also to Troop D of the New Hampshire State Police and to the Merrimack County Sheriff Department for their support during the year. Lastly, I would like to thank Michael Johnson and the Merrimack County Attorney's Office for their excellent sup-



port in assisting the Sutton Police Department in the prosecution of our court cases.

Our office continues to be open on Wednesday evenings from 6:00–8:00 unless we are called out. Please stop in and say hello. Remember, if you see or hear anything suspicious, please call the police department. It might be the call that prevents a crime from happening. We look forward to serving the Sutton community in 1997.

In the Spirit of serving the community,

Patrick J. Tighe
Chief of Police

Breakdown of Calls for Service

	1995	1996
Rape	1	1
Assaults	8	4
Burglary.....	14	26
Theft	27	19
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	2	1
Simple Assault	5	1
Forgery	2	2
Bad Checks	5	1
Fraud.....	0	1
Property Recovered	2	1
Criminal Mischief.....	26	19
Weapons	3	1
Sex Offenses	3	5
Controlled Substances.....	12	17
Family Offenses	4	11
DWI	5	6
Liquor Violations	5	2
Public Intoxication	2	0
Disorderly Conduct.....	108	57
Other Offenses	36	44
Juvenile Offenses.....	14	9
Misc Traffic Complaint	44	33
Misc Calls	210	193
Traffic Accidents.....	67	106
MV Violations	563	717
Non MV Accidents.....	0	1
Assists.....	125	133
Service Calls	351	276
Animal Control	110	78

Alarms	47	37
Community Action	4	4
Untimely Death	2	4
Directed Patrols	301	365
Internal Investigations	1	1
Follow Up Investigation	49	40
KRHS	0	4
Administrative	83	44
Total	2,495	2,263

Report of the Solid Waste and Recycling Facility

With continuing sluggish markets, recycling revenues were again disappointing in 1996. However, the cost avoidance factor for recycled materials made our efforts more than worthwhile. Long range estimates improve the revenue picture somewhat for the future, but still considerably less than the gratifying values of 1994-1995.

We are anxiously looking forward to commencing the recycling of plastics and textiles. The possibility of obtaining a very serviceable used baler lessens the original estimated cost to commence such recycling and would insure an earlier start than was anticipated. Depending upon final building construction estimates, we may be able to commence this recycling in 1997. We have had numerous inquiries pertaining to recycling plastics and the public should be gratified that we are nearing our goal.

The loss of experienced personnel at the facility in 1996 has created problems and we would certainly appreciate the proper handling and disposal of waste by the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Butler
Supervisor

Report of the Capital Improvements Committee

On advice of the Planning Board, the questionnaire that was developed last year by the Capital Improvements Committee (henceforth referred to as C.I.C.) was resubmitted to each of the town's department heads, requesting updated information. The Capital Improvements Program (henceforth referred to as C.I.P.) was updated based on the information received by the Planning Board from these department heads. Since the Road Agent deals with the greatest part of the budget he, personally, presented his updated requested needs to the Planning Board. The total resulting update has been submitted to the Budget Committee for reference purposes. It is the intent of the Planning Board through its authority by RSA 674:5 to reactivate the C.I.C. next year to more thoroughly review the budget requests before the 1997 C.I.P. is prepared. With the cooperation of all department heads, it will be possible to maintain an ongoing Capital Improvements overview. This is helpful not only to the Budget committee but to the town at large as we face future costly needs.

Submitted by
Jean C. Vivian, Chair



Summer day on Blaisdell Lake.
(Photo Courtesy of Janice O'Connell)

Working File for 1996 to date—November 14, 1996

ITEM	Cost-1977	Cost-1998	Cost-1999	Cost-2000	Cost-2001	Cost-2002	Cost-2003
HIGHWAY							
Highway Bldg Addition	15,800						
Truck (1)	13,330	13,330	13,330	13,300	13,300		
Steel Spreader	8,500						
Steel Spreader (2)			9,350				
Grader - \$	22,046	22,046	22,046	22,046			
Truck (2)		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	
Loader - \$	17,943	17,943	17,943	17,943	17,943		
Truck (3)			14,600	14,600	14,600	14,600	14,600
TOTALS	\$ 77,619	\$ 64,819	\$ 88,769	\$ 79,419	\$ 57,373	\$26,100	\$14,600
ROADS							
Newbury Rd and other upgrades	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000		
Capital Res Rd Fund	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	260,119		
TOTAL for HIGHWAY DPT	\$222,619	\$209,819	\$233,769	\$224,419	\$109,873		
POLICE							
Telephone Lines	3,500						
Capital Res Fund	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000		
Executive							
Property Acquisition		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Handicap Access		7,500	7,500				
Waste Rcy							
Incinerator Replacement	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000		
Library							
No response							
Town Clerk							
No response							
Conservation							
No response							
Fire							
No Response/Cap Fnd	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000		
Cemetery							
No response							
TOTALS	\$260,119	\$261,319	\$285,269	\$268,419	\$153,873	\$24,600	\$14,600

Report of the Planning Board

The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Pillsbury Town Hall at 7:30PM. Townspeople are invited to attend any of the meetings, all of which are open to the public. The purpose of the Planning Board is to promote responsible growth in Sutton, while protecting the natural and cultural resources of the town.

Application activity remains steady, and is outlined below.

Subdivisions approved:

Young/Chandler — 2 lots

Woodlot and Grange, LLC — 2 lots

Annexations approved:

Freeport Developement

Emerson/Nichols/Schrader

King/Benedict

Pellerin

Bailey

Site plan review:

KRHS — approved

Labsphere — approved

A major time and effort of the Planning Board was devoted to reviewing and approving two major projects. The first was the Kearsarge Regional High School building and campus renovation project. The second was the Labsphere building renovation project. In both cases, there were extensive discussions and hearings with public input.

The Planning Board continues to be active this year in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Led by Jean Vivian, the CIP now provides a framework so that town departments may forecast capital expenditures over a five year period. In addition to highlighting costs of road and bridge improvements, this program also requires the setting of priorities. The committee continues to review projected capital expensed projects and prepare recommendations to the budget committee.

The Kezar Lake Watershed Committee, chaired by Charles Ash, includes representatives from the Select Boards, Planning Boards and Conservation Commissions of Sutton and New London. In conjunction with the NH Department of Environmental Services, this committee continues to work on plans to ensure the water quality of Kezar Lake. In 1996, this plan report has been prepared, presented and now serves as source material for Planning Board information. Special thanks go to Dan Sundquist for his research and writing efforts.

In 1997 the Planning Board will be presenting proposed amend-

ments to the Zoning Ordinance. A draft is printed but public hearings will be held that may change the wording of this outline.

Proposed Amendments to the Zoning and Building Ordinances

ADD TO Article XIII

“Antenna: The device and/or wire which transmits or receives electromagnetic radiation, but not the supporting structure of the device.”

“Wireless Telecommunications Facility: Any privately-owned combination of antenna, supporting structure and enclosed building designed to transmit and/or receive electromagnetic signals for commercial communication purposes.

ADD to Article III General Provisions

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES

1. New construction of commercial wireless telecommunication facilities shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Facilities shall be sited and designed to minimize the visual impact on nearby residences, highways, roads and recreation areas.
 - b. Siting of facilities shall be encouraged in the I-89 corridor.
 - c. New facilities shall not be permitted on the following scenic high places: Meetinghouse Hill, Dresser Hills, King Hill, Rowell Hill, Green Hill, Dodge Hill.
2. Planning and design for new wireless telecommunications facilities shall evaluate existing towers as priority sites for proposed antenna devices, and that such facilities shall be required to allow competing antenna devices.
3. Telecommunication structures shall exceed the maximum 35 feet height limitation only through special exception.
4. Amateur radio service antennas and related supporting structures are exempt from above described conditions.

These amendments to the Zoning Ordinance are to be voted on in March 1997. Townspeople are encouraged to review copies of the draft ordinance available at the Town Hall, and to attend the scheduled public hearings.

Regular Members

Naia Conrad

Dan Sundquist

Jean Vivian

Bob Wright

R. D. White

Carol Rowe

Stan Lebrun, ex officio

Denise Merullo, Recording Secretary

Report of the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission

The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 towns in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties and the City of Concord. The Town of Sutton is a member in good standing of the Commission.

Our mission is to improve, through education, training, and planning assistance, the ability of the municipalities of the region to prepare and implement municipal plans; to prepare a plan for effective and appropriate development and utilization of the resources of the region; and to assist municipalities in carrying out the regional plan.

The Commission provides a variety of planning services, including telephone consultations on planning issues; planning research; sample ordinances, regulations, and planning documents; models; data and access to data sources; grant information; review and comment on planning documents; development review; and educational programs. Membership also entitles a community to affordable master planning assistance, GIS mapping, and grant preparation. During 1996, our services in Sutton included providing traffic counts on the roads requested.

During 1996 the Regional Planning Commission:

- went *on-line* (cnhrpc@kear.tdsnet.com);
- distributed the zoning amendment calendar to assist Towns with the amendment process;
- processed 13 applications for \$15,000,000 in special federal transportation projects, of which \$2,500,000 will be spent in Central NH communities;
- created and distributed a new publication—the *What's Up* newsletter;
- helped community representatives implement management plans for the Contoocook and Merrimack Rivers;
- presented and sponsored educational programs on regulating the land application of sludge; using the planning related statutes; creating computerized tax maps; developing pocket parks; acquiring conservation lands; and successfully managing the impacts of major events/facilities (NH International Speedway);
- maintained the land use, transportation, and hydrological

- data in the regional Geographic Information System (GIS) and added data on conservation lands and historic sites;
- conducted about 100 traffic counts on state and local highways;
 - amended the regional transportation plan; and
 - assisted the Central New Hampshire Solid Waste District in closing out its operations.

For additional information, please contact CNHRPC staff.

Report of the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc.

July 1996 marked the fourth anniversary of Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc.

Throughout 1996 COA continued its growth. Membership increased by 13%, clients served by 30% and units of service by 35% over 1995.

Pursuing its aim “to help make our later years a productive, positive time of life instead of a time of loneliness and uncertainty,” COA continued in 1996 to serve members with: Rides for non-drivers, Mr. Fixit repairs, Telephone Reassurance, Friendly Visitor, call-in services, Intergenerational projects and cooperative efforts with other organizations.

Conversations with Lunch, Valentine Luncheon, Mountain Day, Christmas reception and two programs funded by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities Council, “American Family” and “No, But I’ve Seen the Movie” served as social and educational gatherings with a combined attendance of over 1400 during 1996.

A walking program for seniors was introduced in November at the Sunapee High School gym. Other towns are scheduled to start on January 6, 1997.

On October 26, 1996 a conference for older people, their families and caregivers was held at Kearsarge Middle School. “Taking Back Our Elder Years” was hosted by COA and co-sponsored by fifteen local agencies. Financial support was provided by the Hilary & James Cleveland Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The conference was led by Joan Doran, COA Vice Chairman and was attended by over 200 seniors. A post-conference evaluation

by attendees rated the program's six themes, "excellent," or "very good." Many constructive suggestions were offered for future presentations.

On December 1, 1996 COA moved to its new Program Center at 12 Newport Road in New London. This larger center will allow for provision of services in-house rather than depending on donated space from other institutions. Programs to start in January will include exercise, bridge lessons, painting, quilting, nutrition, movies, card playing and games. Computer classes are planned to be introduced later in the year. Members will be kept informed by the COA Newsletter.

COA is deeply grateful for financial support from Sutton and other area towns, from donors to fund drive and events, from advertisers in its newsletter, from foundation grants and from individual clients.

COA extends a very special thank you to the volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents. Except for Nancy Friese, Administrative Assistant, the COA is an entirely volunteer organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Bradley
Chairman of the Board

Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment schedules public hearings for the last Wednesday of the month upon receipt of a request for a special exception or a variance to the Sutton Zoning Ordinance, an appeal from an administrative decision, or for an excavation permit. Applications for such a hearing are available at the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall or from the Secretary of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Copies of the Zoning Ordinance are also available at the Selectmen's Office.

This year the Board granted five requests for special exceptions, four appeals for variances, one rehearing of a prior decision and one excavation permit. The Board heard eleven cases this year up from six last year. During 1996, the Zoning Board of Adjustment held public hearings on the following appeals:

February 28, 1996 — Stanley L. and Jean M. LeBrun requested a variance to the terms of Article III, Section G-3 of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance in order to utilize as a seasonal and part-time antique shop a portion of their building on Route 114 in a residential district of North Sutton. **GRANTED**.

May 29, 1996 — Thomas and Martha McLoughlin requested a variance to the terms of Article III, Section G-1 of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance in order to add an ell to their existing home on Shaker Street in a rural-agricultural district of North Sutton. **GRANTED**.

May 29, 1996 — Maryanne and James Helms, Rendition Kennels, requested a variance to the terms of Article III, Section G-1 of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance in order to enlarge a pre-existing, non-conforming use to add a show kennel building and storage space to the existing facility on Pound Road in a rural-agricultural district of South Sutton. **CONTINUED TO** June 18, 1996.

June 18, 1996 — Maryanne F. and James F. Helms, Rendition Kennels, requested a special exception in accordance with the terms of Article V, Section B-6 of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance for a new kennel building on property located on Pound Road in a rural-agricultural district of South Sutton. **GRANTED** with six conditions.

June 26, 1996 — Kathryn G. Beliveau requested a special exception according to Article V, Section B-1 of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance in order to construct a complete “in-law apartment” attached to a primary residence on Shaker Street in a rural-agricultural district of North Sutton. **GRANTED** with two conditions.

June 26, 1996 — Sheerr and McCrystal, Inc. requested a special exception according to Article V, Section B-1 of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance in order to expand existing “publicly owned . . . educational institution” (Kearsarge Regional High School) and for a variance to the terms of Article V, Section C-4 of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance in order to extend the Kearsarge Regional High School building beyond set-back building lines from Mastin Road in a rural-agricultural district of North Sutton. Both requests **GRANTED**.

August 28–29, 1996 — Jeffrey A. Evans (via Attorney Donald E. Gartrell) requested a rehearing of the June 18, 1996 decision by the Board on the request for a special exception made by Maryanne F. and James F. Helms, Rendition Kennels. At the same time Maryanne

F. and James F. Helms applied for an appeal of that decision. The Board **UPHELD** the original June 18, 1996 decision with seven conditions instead of six.

August 28–29, 1996 — Labsphere, Inc. requested a special exception according to the terms of Article V, Section B-7 of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance in order to construct a 24' X 75' machine shop on site of the present facility on Shaker Street in a rural-agricultural district of North Sutton. **GRANTED**.

August 28–29, 1996 — Walter E. and Doris M. Partridge requested a special exception to the terms of Article V, Section B-7 and Article III, Section G-2 of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance in order to convert a two-car garage into four rental storage units on their property on North Road in a rural-agricultural district of North Sutton. **GRANTED** with one condition.

September 25, 1996 — Alan C. Wagner requested a permit to excavate as provided by the Town of Sutton Excavation Regulations in order to remove gravel from his lots on Roby Road in South Sutton. **GRANTED** with nine conditions.

October 30, 1996 — Carl and Gail Olson requested a variance as provided in Article IV, Section C-4 of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance in order to build a home with a garage, the corner of which will be ten to fifteen feet from the existing private right of way, Bailey Road, on Blaisdell Lake in a residential district of South Sutton. **GRANTED** with one condition.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew R. Supplee, Chair

William J. Hallahan

William S. Harrold

Charles G. Ash, Ex-Officio

Steve Vallandigham, Alternate

Ed Canane, Alternate

Karin L. Heffernan, Secretary

Report of the Building Inspector

The number of building permits issued in Sutton in 1996 rose considerably from previous years. A total of 61 permits were approved, the breakdown as follows:

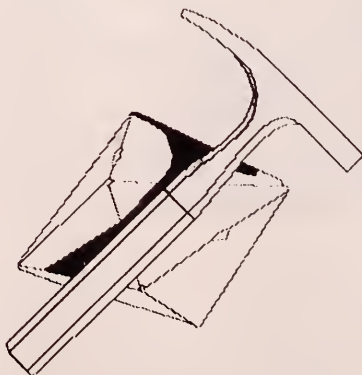
New Houses	5
Additions/Alterations	19
Barns/Garages	13
Out Buildings	8
Decks/Porches	10
Docks.....	1
Miscellaneous	3
Communication Tower	1
Demolition of Existing Buildings	1

Anyone needing a building permit may pick one up at the Selectmen's Office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, closed 12:30 – 1:00 for lunch.

In order to ensure a timely review of your permit by both the Building Inspector and the Selectmen, please return your completed application form, plot plan and fee to the Selectmen's Office by 12 noon the Friday before the Monday Selectmen's meeting at which you wish to have your application considered.

Lastly, if you need questions answered or an inspection conducted, I can be reached at 927-4080. I've enjoyed working with both the townspeople and contractors alike and look forward to your continued cooperation.

Richard "Buzz" Call
Building Inspector



Report of the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department

1996 saw a major building upgrade with the installation of a Standing Seam Metal Roof to the fire station. This alone will save members many hours of personal time from shoveling as well as the safety hazard of someone falling off the roof while shoveling. This spring the Department hopes to do some touch-up of the paint on the building. During 1996, fire calls saw a decrease while motor vehicle accidents increased. Our Town was fortunate to have the services of the Department as well as private citizens on Labor Day weekend when a near fatal accident occurred. Several Legislative commendations were awarded from Senator Bob Smith. Four new sets of Turn-out gear were purchased as well as a new SCOTT AirPack. Several members participated in the New London Fire Station's safety training using the Drager SCOTT AirPack training truck. This vehicle is designed to simulate a fire situation under controlled conditions. Two new members signed on bringing the total number of the department to 21. Plans for 1997 include offering Fire Fighter I certification to new members as well as those not yet certified and continuing training on all equipment for all members. Members will also be offered the opportunity to participate with the Sutton Rescue Squad in trainings for Hazardous Materials, Vehicle Extrication, and Incident Command Systems. As always, anyone wishing to become a member of the Sutton Volunteer Department is encouraged to attend meetings which are held the first Tuesday of each month at the fire station at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department

Chief	Darrel Palmer.....	927-4629
Captain.....	Chris Rowe	927-4316
1st Lieut	Matt Grimes	927-4321
2nd Lieut	Cory Cochran	927-4047
 Pete Thompson	 Loring Ford	 Gary Wilcox
Arthur Chadwick	Kevin Rowe	Harold Rowe
Stan LeBrun	Shreve Soule	David LeBrun
Garrett Evans	Ken Sutton	Richard Call
Bob Gagnon	Kirk Chadwick	Tom McLoughlin
Lennie Dupuis	Chip Rowe	
as of 12/31/96		

Fire Log for 1996

Appliance Fire.....	1
Brush Fires	1
Chimney Fire.....	5
Electrical (Branch on Wire)	4
Electrical Fires	1
False Alarm.....	8
Medical Assist.....	1
Missing Person	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	28
Mutual Aid Drills.....	2
Motor Vehicle Fires	4
Mutual Aid (forest fire).....	1
Mutual Aid (structure)	4
Service Calls (flooded basement)	1
Smoke Investigation	2
TOTAL	64



Scene from the 1996 Fire Department Christmas Party
(Photo courtesy of Darrel Palmer)

Report of Town Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

To aid our Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

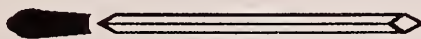
There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 was a quiet year for forest fires even though it was dry. With the cooperation of the townspeople and the general public, the fires stayed at a minimum.

Our policy is, if you want to burn, you must have a written permit and then you can burn only between the hours of 5PM and 9AM, weather permitting. When snow is on the ground, you need to notify the fire warden of your intent to burn. When you burn, it is important that the fire be completely out before leaving it. Too many forest fires start from a rekindle of a controlled burn from a day or two days before.

It has been brought to our attention that there have been many campfires in remote areas. This is illegal! You must obtain written permission from the landowner and a written permit from the fire warden before kindling any outside fire. A permit is also needed for an incinerator.



1996 FIRE STATISTICS (Cost Shared)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	06
Carroll	07
Cheshire	13
Coos	10
Grafton	12
Hillsborough	19
Merrimack	14
Rockingham	15
Strafford	05
Sullivan	06

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	05
Debris Burning	34
Campfire	16
Power Line	04
Railroad	02
Equipment Use	01
Lightning	02
Children	22
OHRV	01
Miscellaneous	20

TOTAL FIRES 107

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Douglas C. Miner, Forest Ranger

Carroll Thompson, Forest Fire Warden



Report of the Sutton Rescue Squad

Calendar year 1996 showed a slight decrease in emergency responses. The following is a breakdown by incident type:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	35
Medical Emergencies	48
Fire	5
Public Assists	5
Total	93

A small group of your friends and neighbors provide this critically important emergency rescue service. They, and their families, sacrifice a tremendous amount of time and energy to maintain this highly professional service. We have an active roster of twelve members:

Joel Charbonneau, EMT-D
Lorraine Edmunds, EMT-D
Bette Frederickson, EMT-D
Joe Freire, EMT-D
Lee-Ann Freire, EMT-D
Matt Grimes, First Responder-D
Wendy Grimes, First Responder-D
Tim Hayes, First Responder-D
Dave LeBrun, EMT-D
Kathy McFarlin, EMT-D
Sandy Robinson, EMT-D
Erica Bailey, EMT-D

We welcome your participation in the Rescue Squad. You can participate as an emergency responder or can assist us with our administrative and fund raising efforts. Your participation as an emergency responder can have a dramatic effect on the lives of your neighbors. Your help with our administrative work can help us minimize our impact on the Town's tax rate. Please call me if you have any interest in working with us.

Thanks must be given to the many agencies that assist at our rescue emergencies. Once again, Chief Darrel Palmer and the staff of the Sutton Fire Department have been a major factor in our successful efforts to provide a professional and timely service. They automatically respond to motor vehicle accidents and other rescue calls and provide invaluable support. The Bradford Ambulance and the New London Hospital Ambulance also deserve our thanks for



their gracious and professional service. We also need to thank Chief Pat Tighe and the Sutton Police Department for their assistance.

The success of the Rescue Squad is due, in large part, to the financial support of the towns people of Sutton. You have supported our fund raising and budget requests and we, in turn, have developed a rescue squad that reflects the “state of the art” in rescue. There remains, however, several areas where we are woefully deficient. Our primary goals for 1997 is to improve our operations at MVA’s by obtaining a hydraulic rescue tool—a “Jaws of Life.” We need your continued support in order to provide a safer town for you and your families.

Joseph Freire, Jr.
Chief, Sutton Rescue

Report of the Welfare Department

So how are we doing? This loaded question makes this department take a good hard look at the future. The major welfare cuts in the federal budget as well as new laws in the State mean that the load of supplying the basic needs for the Town welfare clients falls on the residents. Over the year 1997, several new State laws will be phased into reality. And there is a limit to the amount of federal assistance a person may receive.

However, in our town the number of qualified applicants has dropped. Some have moved out of town and others have found their financial status improved.

I have visions of starting a food bank here in the Town to be used by the Town. Time is limited for me and space will have to be investigated. If there is a volunteer willing to undertake this project, get in touch with me. The food collected at the Recycling Center has made a big difference to some people’s quality of life. By working together we have all helped to reduce the Town budget by \$1,000.

Always during the Christmas and Thanksgiving days the generosity is apparent. With the food collected over the year, it’s obvious that the generous spirit of giving is imbedded in the people of this community and not in commercialized holidays. I take this opportunity to say thank you.

Courtney Haase
Overseer of Welfare

Report of the Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.

Over the past seventeen years, the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program has been the focal point of social service delivery in this area, providing help when needed to the income eligible and elderly, as well as to the community at large.

As perhaps you are aware, Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. generates funds through the mobilization of available federal, state and local monies. Support for the local Area Center is derived from a combination of federal appropriations and local tax dollars. This combination allows the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program to provide a variety of services to the residents of your community, from the development of programs which meet local needs, to outreach, referral and direct assistance.

The attached budget reflects the minimum costs of maintaining and continuing the operations of the Kearsarge Valley Area Center. I respectfully submit that an item be placed in the Town Budget in the amount of \$2,809.00 for the continuation of services to the residents of the Town of Sutton.

This figure is based on the operating costs of the Area Center, as well as on last year's local community participation level and the services provided to Sutton in the amount of \$28,356.64. The total dollar amount needed from the local towns to maintain and operate the Area Center is \$33,132.

I have attached a detailed summary which provides a brief description of our programs and the number of Sutton residents who participated in them.

The staff of the Kearsarge Valley Area Center wish to thank you and the Town of Sutton for your support in the past. With your continued interest, we will be able to continue to provide needed services to the members of your community.

Sincerely,

Barbara Chellis, Area Director
Kearsarge Valley Area Center

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.

**1997 Kearsarge Valley Area Center
Operating Budget**

PERSONNEL:

Area Center Director.....	\$19,170
Outreach Worker (part-time)	4,830
Payroll Taxes/Fringe Benefits	<u>6,107</u>
	\$30,107

OTHER COSTS:

Program Travel 5,000 miles x .26	\$ 1,300
Rent	2,940
Telephone	1,500
Postage	170
Office/Copier Supplies	350
Advertising	50
Staff Development	150
Publications	150
Liability and Fire Insurance	<u>96</u>
	<u>6,706</u>

TOTAL BUDGET: \$36,813

Federal Share.....	10%	-	\$ 3,681
All Town Share...	<u>90%</u>	-	<u>33,132</u>
Total:.....	100%	-	\$36,813

**Summary of Services 1996
Provided to Sutton Residents
KEARSARGE VALLEY AREA CENTER
BELKNAP—MERRIMACK COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM**

Service Description	Units of Service	Households/Persons	Total Value
Commodity Supplemental Food Program	Packages—23	Persons—2	\$ 510.83
Congregate Meals	Meals—183	Persons—11	\$ 975.39
Emergency Food Pantries	Meals—530	Persons—53	\$ 1,590.00
Fuel Assistance	Applications—17	Persons—36	\$ 5,508.26
Meals-on-Wheels	Meals—1112	People—5	\$ 6,571.92
Women, Infants and Children	Vouchers—84	Persons—7	\$ 3,234.00
CAP Transportation	Rides—590	Persons—5	\$ 3,280.40
Senior Community Service Employment Program	Hours—1040	Persons—1	\$ 5,824.00
Senior Companion Program	Visitee—3	Hours—80	\$ 364.80
	Volunteer—1	Hours—109	<u>\$ 497.04</u>
GRAND TOTAL			\$28,356.64

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL—CAP provides utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked.

Report of the Health Officer

I attended the NH Health Officers Association Spring Educational Conference. The discussions on Rural Housing Programs, Groundwater Contamination Prevention and Septic and Sludge Rules are the topics that I found most interesting and useful. As a result of attending the meeting and with the assistance of the Overseer of Welfare and others, I am pleased to report that a family in Sutton has been awarded a 504 Grant for repairs for health and safety hazards.

The 1996 Sutton Health Officer investigations included: (1) animal manure dumping complaint, (4) house inspections, (1) lead paint inspection, (1) day care inspection, (1) foster home inspection, (1) septic odor complaint, (1) alleged non compliance septic system complaint, (1) animal bite, (1) violation of excessive trash/garbage.

In addition, I had telephone calls requesting information on suspicious rabid wild animals, barking dogs, well water contamination, septic system designer letters and wild turkeys.

This is my first year serving on the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Area Smokefree Coalition. This is an interesting and productive group of students, medical and law enforcement personnel, health officers, and interested citizens. One of the goals is to continue to support youth-oriented projects which is the target age for the dissemination of prevention information. Tobacco use is the #1 preventable cause of death in the United States.

This completes my fifth year serving as the Town Health Officer. I have enjoyed working with the Overseer of Welfare, Code Inspector, Police Officers, Selectmen, Town Office Workers and various State Agencies: Human Services, Environmental Services, Fish and Game and Public Health.

Please contact me if you need information related to public health or wish to report a public health concern.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. MacDonald
Health Officer

Report of the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association

Services Provided to People in Sutton

Home health care helps patients return to their optimal level of health

Visits made	1,763
Patients served	29

Hospice – a family-centered program for patients who are terminally ill

Patients served	6
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Flu & other immunizations

Patients served	68
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Well child clinic and parent child program

Children served.....	13
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Day care – after school and summer child care

Children served.....	3
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In late 1996, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association finalized a strategic pathway to the future—we joined an integrated health care delivery system, Capital Region Health Care Corporation in Concord, NH. We created this pathway by affiliating with the New London Hospital Association. The future development of our new partnership and our innovative, high quality programs will support the VNA's mission to improve the health of the community and provide quality, cost-effective care to individuals and families in community settings.

Five VNA employees; one VNA Trustee, June Kunar and many volunteers live in Sutton. We depend heavily on the selfless support of volunteers and employees who contribute hours to the success of our programs. For them and our Trustees, we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Blik
President and CEO

Report of the Sutton Free Library

The library has gone through exciting changes during the past year and we anticipate more changes during 1997. Through a generous bequest from Jean Gerhard, the library was able to purchase two Apple Macintosh Performa computers in a package deal that included two printers and a good selection of software to get us started. During 1997 we plan to hook up with the Internet through a service made available by the Merrimack County Telephone Co. We also hope to start classes in using the computers. The trustees are looking for any people familiar with Macintosh computers to help us get the classes going. These computers are here for everyone in the town to use. Please stop in and look them over.

We were pleased to see increased attendance at our summer reading program in 1996 after several years of declining participation. We tried to schedule the program for a time when we would get more young people at the library and it seems to have worked. We always enjoy having children visit and use the library and we maintain a good selection of books for children and young readers.

Once again we enjoyed a book discussion group led by local scholar Dr. Patrick Anderson and made possible by the New Hampshire Humanities Council. We enjoy these book discussions, and plan another one for April, 1997. We hope you will join us. Check at the library for details.

We at the library were deeply saddened this year by the death of Betty Bennet, a long-time library trustee. In her busy, busy life Betty found time to serve her town in many ways; one of them was her generous work at the library. We at the library miss her.

We want to thank several volunteers who took over while our librarian, Jeannette Couch, was away for a while during the year. Peg Forand, Kathy Chadwick, Ann Lord and Beth Cernek spent many hours in the library signing out books and helping visitors. They kept the library going in Jeannette's absence.

Local groups continue to use the Grace P. Nelson Room for their meetings. If you or your group would like to use the room, please contact the librarian to arrange a time. We will always try to accommodate you.

We are always adding new audio books, children's and adult books to our collection. We are beginning to develop a small video library, concentrating on videos not readily available from local outlets. Please stop in and browse around. We are sure you will find books you would like to read. We welcome comments and suggestions. If there is

a book, type of book or tape you would like to see in the library, please stop in and let us know. We will do what we can to accommodate you.

During 1997 the trustees of the library will be examining ways in which the library can best serve the needs of the community. We welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have. We would like to develop a volunteer group to work with the librarian and the trustees as we look to the future. Please let us know if you are interested.

The trustees meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Grace P. Nelson Room and the public is always welcome to attend. Library hours are: Mon 1:30–4 p.m.; Wed 1–4 and 6:30–9 p.m.; Fri 7–9 p.m.; Sat 1–4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Harrison

Ann Lord

Henry Nichols

Linda Sundquist

Brenda Wells

Sandy Nelson

The Sutton Free Library Board of Trustees

Report of the Old Store Museum Committee

The highlight of 1996, at the Old Store Museum, was the Centennial celebration of the first telephone call made from Bradford to Sutton, made possible by the Merrimack County Telephone Company. This was truly a memorable Old Home Day and all of the people who put so much effort into it are to be congratulated.

Part of our building maintenance this year was making sure that the paint was at its best for this event. We also have a beautiful new sign thanks to the generosity of Steve Main of All Signs in Warner.

One of the most gratifying aspects of Old Home Day was seeing all of the people who visited the historic buildings and the excitement generated by the history re-enacted. Now, how do we prolong and encourage the interest? This past summer pointed out the need to be open to the public more often and to better coordinate our efforts with those of the Historical Society. We would like to come up with ideas for making the times that the buildings are open more interesting. We have tried quite a few ideas with varying success, and would like to try more. Please send your suggestions to PO Box 557, South Sutton, NH 03273.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann W. Lord

Report of the Conservation Commission

During the year, we were again engaged in a variety of projects. Committee membership remained the same. Two members were reappointed for three-year terms. We continue to have advisory members from the Kezar Lake Protective Association and the Blaisdell Lake Property Owners Association. Monthly meetings were held at the Pillsbury Town Hall on the third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Commission activities during 1996 included the following:

- Monitored dredge and fill permit applications
- Examined Intent to Cut Wood or Timber applications
- Inspected Town properties under Conservation Commission management responsibility
- Planted rhododendron at the Lefferts Town Natural Area on Keyser Street, a gift of plants from the Merrimack County Telephone Company, a part of their 100-year celebration
- Coordinated roadside clean-up project
- Town Meeting approved Scenic Roads designation for Blaisdell Hill Road, Hominy Pot Road and a section of North Road
- Examined, developed and maintained Sutton walking trails
- Developed and published a new Sutton map, "A Guide to Public Recreation Sites, Points of Interest, Trails and Interesting Walks"
- Participated in the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition
- The joint Sutton-New London Kezar Lake Watershed Committee published a "Committee Report and Recommendations", March 1996
- Jointly with New London, monitored the water quality of the brooks in the Kezar Lake watershed
- Initiated Phase 1 study of Sutton wetlands with the University of New Hampshire Department of Natural Resources
- Investigated and accepted back-up responsibility to the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust for a new conservation easement in Sutton along Lyon Brook and near Kezar Lake
- With Selectmen, perambulated the boundary between Sutton and New London.

A significant part of the Commission's activity during 1996 has focused on: the development of trails and a new Sutton information

map, the Sutton wetlands study, and monitoring the water quality of the brooks in the Kezar Lake watershed. All three of these initiatives address to some extent the Town's scenic, historical and recreational values. The Commission was established for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of the watershed resources in the Town.

Trails and New Trail Map. A major accomplishment this year was the development and publication of a Sutton document, "A Guide to Public Recreation Sites, Points of Interest, Trails and Interesting Walks", that replaces the previous trail map "Public Recreation Sites and Interesting Walks in Sutton, New Hampshire" printed in 1990. Most of the trails on the 1990 walk map were inspected, were found to be in good shape for walking and were included in the new map. Some trails are on abandoned roads and permission was obtained from property owners. The Commission is a member of the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition. Considerable effort was devoted to the development of new Sutton trails that are part of the Greenway to connect Newbury, via King Hill Road, with Wilmot and Warner, via the Lincoln Trail. Most of this new trail system is off-road traversing State, Town and private property. With the completion of signs, blazing and written permission from property owners these new



Left: Steve Enroth (volunteer), Right: Charlie Ash (Selectman)
installing a beaver pipe at Lyon Brook.
(Photo courtesy of Charlie Ash)

trails were used extensively. Significant areas traversed by this new trail include: Wadleigh State Park, the Town Forest, Shadow Hill State Forest, and the Country Club of New Hampshire. Our thanks go out to the citizens who allowed this trail to traverse their private property.

Considerable effort was devoted to develop and publish the new map of Sutton trails, walks and sites of interest. Information on points of interest and recreation areas was updated on the new map. The map of Sutton locates and, with reference to a descriptive text, describes: the walks and trails; points of interest, public buildings and recreation areas; and historic markers. Also shown on the map are the major roads, major lakes and ponds, rivers and brooks, boundary orientation of public properties, and the location of the four villages within the Town.

Kezar Lake Watershed Committee. The Committee, with membership from the respective Sutton and New London Offices of Selectmen, Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions and the NH Department of Environmental Services Limnology Laboratory, published a report of accomplishments, "Committee Report and Recommendations, March 1996". This report is available for reading at the Sutton Free Library. While the Committee's primary focus was the Kezar Lake Watershed, some recommendations have broader application in both towns. Recommendations in the report are contained under the following ten headings: (1) Water Monitoring Program, (2) Timber Harvesting, (3) Decommissioned New London Sewage Treatment Plant Site, (4) Chadwick Meadow, (5) Beaver Control, (6) Road Surface Treatment, (7) Zoning, (8) Storm Water Control, (9) I-89 Ledge Dump, and (10) Miscellaneous. The next two sections provide status reports on activities pertaining to headings (1) and (7) above.

Water Quality Monitoring of Kezar Lake Watershed. Water samples were taken at ten or eleven sites in Lyon Brook, Clark Pond Brook and King Hill Brook for six 1996 storm events from April to November, 1996. Chemical analyses of these water samples were made as planned for total phosphorus and conductivity. Preliminary analysis indicates that significant amounts of total phosphorus enter Lyon and Clark Pond Brooks from non-point sources. Visual observation showed that one of the lagoons within the area of the decommissioned New London sewage treatment plant overflowed its bank during and after a major October 1996 storm. More detailed analysis of this water chemistry data will be performed by the DES limnology staff. Storm water management and erosion and sediment control procedures have been implemented along some roadways and inter-

mittent, tributary brooks to reduce the phosphorus load to Lyon Brook from non-point sources of pollution.

A Study of Sutton Wetlands. A project to inventory and to assess Sutton wetlands was initiated with the University of New Hampshire, Department of Natural Resources in order to improve our understanding of the location, types and values of Sutton wetlands. The project is working toward the following objectives.

Objective 1. To undertake a detailed mapping of Sutton wetlands, including the type of wetlands, related aspects of hydrology, soil types, plants and surface waters. A method to determine the most functional wetlands prior to field work will be developed and used, and this will determine the scope of the project's field work.

Objective 2. To inventory and evaluate the functional values of Sutton wetlands, using the Method for the Comparative Evaluation of Nontidal Wetlands in New Hampshire.

Objective 3. To recommend those wetlands which are possibly suitable for prime wetlands designation.

The following accomplishments are noted in 1996. A Team of six students, natural resources majors in their senior year, participated in this study under guidance of a University of New Hampshire professor and a Conservation Commission member. Ten Sutton wetlands were chosen for study by staff from the Sutton Conservation Commission and Planning Board in cooperation with the student Team. Wetland names were assigned. Ten factors or functional values were chosen or adapted from the New Hampshire Method for evaluating wetlands to compare the relative importance of these wetlands to the community. Information on these factors were obtained for each wetland from available data, maps and field site visits. Relative values were assigned for each factor for all ten wetlands and a preliminary relative ranking of the ten wetlands was determined. The two wetlands that ranked highest were further analyzed by the application of the New Hampshire Method in greater detail within time and financial constraints. The developed information was documented in a report: "An Inventory and Assessment of Wetlands in the Town of Sutton, NH", December 11, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene J. Aubert, Chairman
Sarah A. Denz, Secretary
David Anderson
Dugald Arbuckle

Charles Ash
Don Davis
George G. Wells
Charles F. Whittemore

Report of the Program Associate for the 4-H & Youth Development

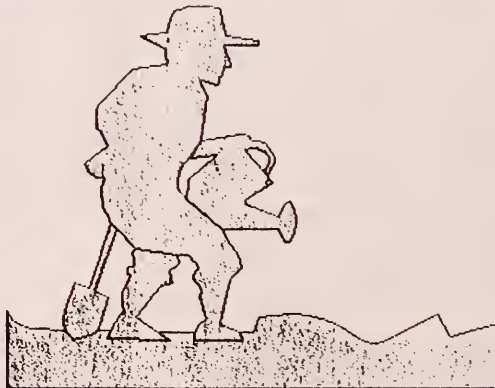
Ten Sutton School 4th and 5th grade students participated in a Sutton Community Perennial Garden Project this fall. UNH Cooperative Extension Master Gardener, Sarah Smith, met with the youth 3 times this fall after school and taught them about soils, how things grow and nutrients needed to grow healthier plants. The students learned about bulbs and actually planted tulips and other bulbs at the Sutton Library this fall. In the spring the project will resume, with students learning about and planting perennials at the Library for all to enjoy.

This project is funded by the Merrimack County 4-H Foundation and is supported by UNH Merrimack County Cooperative Extension. Sutton has an active 4-H club and many youth throughout the years have learned life skills, competencies, and the spirit of community service through 4-H in our community.

Cooperative Extension also does programming in family issues, financial resource management, agriculture and forestry. Call 225-5505 for more information.

Thank You,

Nancy Evans



Report of the Sutton Early Learning Center

The Sutton Early Learning Center is enjoying a fulfilling year with an enrollment of 13 children, one full time teacher and a part-time aide. There are currently eight kindergarten and five preschool students. The Kindergarten children attend class Monday through Friday mornings in the First Free Will Baptist Church in North Sutton. Preschool Children join them for a mixed class Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Janet Bauer is still with us as the head teacher and we have a new aide this year, Patti DiMauro.

The School is busy in and out of the community with field trips. Last year we visited The Musterfield Farm to meet the animals and learn about the ways schools were conducted long ago. There are always Halloween and Christmas visits to Fox Chase where the kids exchange songs and smiles with the residents. There are also visits to the Indian Museum, the Fire House, the Elementary School, Gould



The Sutton Early Learning Center at Musterfield Farm on an “explore a farm” field trip. Fall 1996.

(Photo courtesy of Jennifer Swett)

Hill Orchards and numerous nature strolls. We believe in learning while having fun and our staff does a wonderful job of fulfilling this goal.

The arrangement of The Sutton Early Learning Center as a co-operative school brings with it some wonderful benefits. For the parents it creates the opportunity for close relationships through the many gatherings required for meetings and fund raisers. In turn the required participation in the running of the school allows the parents to work closely with the teacher. This of course greatly enhances the education of the children by having the parents so directly involved. This carries on into higher levels also as I have noticed many of the active parents at the elementary level are parents from the Kindergarten. The School also serves a wonderful community need beyond the education of the children. The parents work hard at fund raisers that bring food to all kinds of community gatherings and there is community outreach with different groups such as the residents of Fox Chase.

I have been on the Sutton Early Learning Center Board for five years and a parent of a student for two years. I have seen students, parents, teachers, and ideas come and go. The one thing that is always constant is the dedication of the people involved towards providing a good educational foundation to this community's children while also contributing to the needs of the Town.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Swett
Chair of The Board



Report of the Sutton Business Council

The Sutton Business Council is now one year old and has made good progress in meeting its mission statement which is "promoting the growth and prosperity of Sutton and fostering good will and commerce."

Some of the activities of the Sutton Business Council in 1996 were:

- Developed a mission statement
- Finalized a set of by-laws
- Incorporated as a non-profit organization
- Identified 100+ businesses in Sutton
- Elected officers and directors
- Collected dues from 56 businesses and "friends"

Some meetings and speakers were:

- Cary Gladstone of NH Department of Resources and Economic Development — What N.H. can do for businesses.
- John Blackford — Business planning
- John Biewener — Tax questions
- William Harrold — Legal questions
- William Chalmers — How SCORE can help small businesses
- Chris Donnelly — World Wide Web/Internet

We also sponsored a special meeting in February "Meet the candidates" so office seekers of Sutton could present their agendas.

A major accomplishment was the production and distribution, in May, of the first Sutton Business Directory.

The Sutton Business Council welcomes all to its meetings held the second Thursday of the month at the Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall. Yearly dues for membership is \$25.

Sincerely,

Bill Hallahan

Report of the Bradford Rescue Squad Association

In 1996, the Bradford Rescue Squad responded to 193 calls: 91 were medical in nature, 32 were trauma related, 29 were motor vehicle accidents, 25 were fire related, and we were called out and then cancelled on 16 occasions.

Of the 192 calls, approximately 38% were in the town of Bradford, 38% in Newbury, 18% in Sutton and 5% in Warner. 75% of the patients transported went to New London Hospital and 25% went to Concord Hospital.

The Bradford Rescue Squad celebrated its 25th year of Volunteer Service in 1996. Present Squad members and many alumni gathered to celebrate and march together in the 4th of July Parade in Bradford.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who responded this year to our fundraising letter. As you are aware, it gets increasingly more difficult each year to carry out fundraising activities, therefore the letter campaign has become a necessity. We also wish to thank all who attended our annual Walk-a-thon and The Dog House in August.

We wish you all a healthy and safe 1997 and thank you for your support!

OFFICERS

Captain: Gail Olson, EMT-I
Lieutenant: Rick Bailey, EMT
Training: John Simonds, EMT
Secretary: Jenn Simonds, EMT
Treasurer: Sue Vitale, EMT
Maintenance: Preston Starr, EMT
Supply: Parker McCartney, EMT-I

MEMBERS

Felicia Bagley, EMT	Bud Nelson, Driver
Kate Bailey, EMT	Christine Nelson, EMT
Mike Dunn, EMT-I	Carl Olson, EMT-I
Mary Beth Fenton, EMT	Jim Powell, EMT
Peter Fenton, Driver	Linda Powell, EMT
LeeAnn Freire, EMT	Jim Raymond, EMT
Stephen Lorenze, EMT	Jim Valiquet, EMT
Alan McCartney, EMT-P	Dick Vitale, Driver
Bob Moore, EMT	

Births Recorded in the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire

for the year ending December 31, 1996

Date of Birth Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father Maiden Name of Mother
January 16, 1996 Lebanon, N.H.	Haley Anna Brook	Warren S. Brook Nancy A. German
January 25, 1996 New London, N.H.	Jacob James Andrews	John W. Andrews IV Maureen R. Fitzpatrick
February 7, 1996 New London, N.H.	Noah Carl Bronder-Major	Philip S. Major Nancy A. Bronder
February 9, 1996 New London, N.H.	Amber Marie Young	David A. Young Robin L. Palmer
February 19, 1996 New London, N.H.	Kyle Joseph McNeil	Robert J. McNeil Jr. Marcie L. White
March 28, 1996 Concord, N.H.	Nathan Clyde Thompson	Brian S. Thompson Martha J. Chapman
June 17, 1996 Concord, N.H.	Silvia Anne Graf	Peter Graf Janet E. Shaw
August 20, 1996 Concord, N.H.	Christopher Joseph Beaulieu	Christopher R. Beaulieu Tracy M. Charles
September 22, 1996 Concord, N.H.	Cassidy Marr Galluzzo	Courtney S. Galluzzo Melinda S. Olney
October 14, 1996 North Sutton, N.H.	Lianna Marie Blakeman	Peter J. Blakeman Anita L. Nikles
November 29, 1996 Concord, N.H.	Taylor John Cochran	Corbett L. Cochran Melina M. Ahrens
December 28, 1996 New London, N.H.	Ashley Ann Levesque	Michael D. Levesque Amy-Louise Greenhalgh

Deaths Recorded in the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire for the year ending December 31, 1996

Date of Death Place of Death	Name of Deceased	State of Residence
February 12, 1996 New London, N.H.	Mitchell J. Peret	New Hampshire
February 13, 1996 Lebanon, N.H.	Joanne B. Gilmore	New Hampshire
March 10, 1996 New London, N.H.	Barbara M. Searcy	New Hampshire
May 9, 1996 Lebanon, N.H.	Mary E. Csutor	New Hampshire
May 13, 1996 Sutton, N.H.	Richard L. Van Namen	New Hampshire
May 27, 1996 Sutton, N.H.	Margaret M. Robinson	New Hampshire
June 7, 1996 New London, N.H.	Wesley A. Kendall	New Hampshire
June 21, 1996 Lebanon, N.H.	Elizabeth A. Bennett	New Hampshire
July 7, 1996 New London, N.H.	George T. Landry	New Hampshire
July 9, 1996 New London, N.H.	Jeannette S. Hosmer	New Hampshire
October 6, 1996 Sutton, N.H.	Justine B. Zompa	Rhode Island
October 7, 1996 Sutton, N.H.	Margaret K. Hickey	New Hampshire
December 8, 1996 Lebanon, N.H.	David N. Newhall	New Hampshire

Marriages Recorded in the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire for the year ending December 31, 1996

Date of Marriage Place of Marriage	Name of Groom Name of Bride	Place of Residence of Each
January 27, 1996 Bradford, N.H.	Jason B. Weil Staci N. Green	Sutton, New Hampshire Bradford, New Hampshire
February 14, 1996 Sutton, N.H.	James D. Workman Merrill Lee Perschy	N. Sutton, New Hampshire Rochester, New Hampshire
May 25, 1996 Sutton, N.H.	Christopher S. Rowe Rebecca N. Cochran	N. Sutton, New Hampshire N. Sutton, New Hampshire
July 13, 1996 Sutton, N.H.	Kiflu Kidane Molly A. Norris	N. Sutton, New Hampshire N. Sutton, New Hampshire
July 14, 1996 Sutton, N.H.	Timothy A. Brennan Donna M. Gerry	S. Sutton, New Hampshire S. Sutton, New Hampshire
August 4, 1996 South Sutton, N.H.	David D. Doran Jr. Christine S. Makowsky	S. Sutton, New Hampshire S. Sutton, New Hampshire
September 21, 1996 New London, N.H.	Leonard G. Fish Elizabeth S. Pierce	S. Sutton, New Hampshire S. Sutton, New Hampshire
December 28, 1996 South Sutton, N.H.	Ladislau Bodor Susan P. Wright	Oradea, Romania Rustburg, Virginia

Notaries and Justices of the Peace

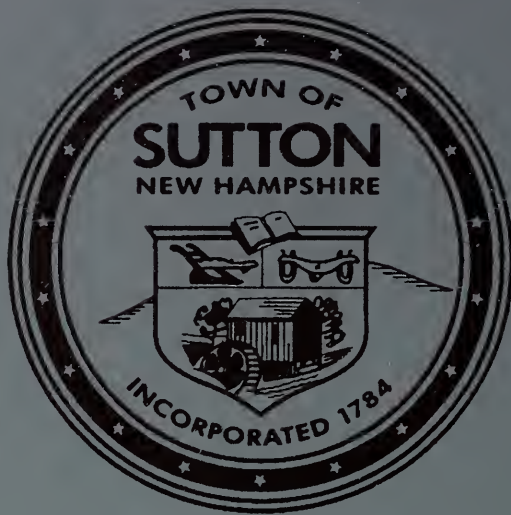
Notaries

Betsy Forsham (Town Hall)
Janice "Peg" Chalmers
Courtney Haase

Justices of the Peace

Patricia Cohen
Alan Harris
Vicki Simonds
Janice O'Connell (Town Hall)

Notes



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